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**The Peaceful Paths Massage and Therapy Center, located in Palmer, hosts a monthly Freezer Meal Prep Class, taught by Holistic Health Coach Julie Manning. Manning's goal is to teach her students how to make better choices in eating.**

Planning for healthy meals

**By Jonah Snowden**  
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PALMER – For those who choose to prepare healthy and nutritious meals ahead of a long week, half the battle of doing so can be picking a time to do it and finding the right food to cook. However, thanks to the Peaceful Paths Massage and Therapy Center, located in Palmer, those issues can be easily solved. Once a month, the center hosts a monthly Freezer Meal Prep Class that is led by Holistic Health Coach Julie Manning, who specializes in providing her students with healthier choices in eating.

Manning, who said she discovered that “the easiest way to persuade people to eat healthier is by teaching them how to,” works from the Therapy and Massage Center’s kitchen, and teaches three classes a month. That includes a class for mothers and their children, a baking class for kids and the freezer meal prep class.

Also, Manning’s knowledge on the right type of meals to cook for her students comes from the internet, specifically the website oncemonthmeals.com, and her extensive cookbook collection. She also credits her knowledge in nutrition to the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, in New York, where she became a holistic health coach. Laurie Wickers, the massage manager, said she is excit-

ed this class is being offered through the wellness center, and enjoys working with Manning.

“She is very pleasant to work with,” said Wickers “I think what she’s doing is great for people who want to make healthier choices in their eating.”

The next freezer meal prep class is taking place on Sunday, Jan. 27., where Manning and her students will be preparing four gluten-free meals for the freezer, which can serve six people. The meals that will be prepared are chicken and veggie freezer packs, Tuscan chicken, slow cooker crack chicken, and garlic pork stir-fry.

Once the deadline for people to buy tickets passes, she is planning to buy the ingredients and prepare for the class. Once the class takes place, each student will be handed their ingredients and a copy of the recipe, and receive a walk-through on how to prepare the food, put them in a Ziplock bag, seal, put a label on it, and put it in the freezer in their homes. “If they come, they will leave with 24 servings of food that they won’t have to think about other than when they are putting in the crockpot,” said Manning.

The last day to buy tickets is Jan. 23, at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in signing up, or learning more about next month’s class, can call 413-289-6733 or visit <https://bit.ly/38rhYTJ>. Each ticket cost \$150.

Smola announces fire education grants

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that five fire departments in the 1st Hampden District have been awarded funds through the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE programs for fiscal year 2020.

**Fire departments awarded grants are:**

- Palmer Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$2,065 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$1,388)
- Sturbridge Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,965 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,348)
- Three Rivers Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$1,550 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$1,118)
- Wales Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,065 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,055)
- Ware Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,965 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,348)

“Our local fire departments have always played a critical role in educating residents about fire safety,” said Smola. “The S.A.F.E programs provide important resources for people to learn about fire prevention and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire.”

Since the creation of the S.A.F.E program 25 years ago, average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 76 percent. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths. This initiative is aimed at educating seniors on fire prevention, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire.

For additional information please contact Smola@ma-house.gov or 617-722-2100.

Where is it!



This week's hint: It's in Palmer and in part, it's divine.



Last week's photo was the large clock on Main Street in Monson.

Each week on Page 2 and on [www.facebook.com/The-JournalRegister](http://www.facebook.com/The-JournalRegister), *The Journal Register* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo might be from any of the towns in the Journal’s coverage area – Palmer, Monson, Holland, Brimfield and Wales – but we’ll always tell you the town. And maybe we’ll throw in a hint, too.

The answer to this week’s “Where is it?” will run in next week’s edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.



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**Pictured here left to right are Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman, Worcester Community Action Council Director of Energy Resources Mary E. Knittle; Cornerstone Bank Chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins and Worcester Community Action Council Director of Development Ellen M. Ganley.**

Cornerstone Bank makes \$40,000 donation

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank is proud to announce its recent donation of \$40,000 to the Worcester Community Action Council. This major financial contribution will go toward assisting local residents with home heating costs.

WCAC is a Worcester-based agency for central Massachusetts, dedicated to helping people move toward economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships, and advocacy. This donation will support the agency’s Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund. Every year, this fund provides critical support to clients who are most vulnerable to high home heating costs and whose needs often extend beyond what they receive in federal assistance.

“WCAC is a vital organization that helps people gain economic self-sufficiency,” said Cornerstone Bank Chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins. “We’re proud to support their mission and the many programs they provide to the community and its residents.”

“We are pleased to contribute to such a worthwhile agency that provides critical support to many local individuals and families,” said Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. “We are committed to helping our neighbors stay warm during the winter season.”

The Worcester Community Action Council is the federally-designated community action council agency for central Massachusetts. Each year, they assist over 75,000 people living in Worcester and surrounding towns through a variety of economic self-sufficiency and emergency programs. For more information about the WCAC go online to [www.wcac.net](http://www.wcac.net) or by calling 508-754-1176.

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assistant/home health aide, CPR/first aid and healthcare interactive for basic or advanced dementia care.

Ware Public School Printer Filament Project, which was awarded \$3,038, will support students who are interested in a manufacturing career and will allow for the purchase of a 3D printer and its filament supplies. The 3D printer is intended to allow students to gain firsthand experience in the specialized field of manufacturing within the school.

Regarding the importance of providing care for local nonprofit organizations, Gray said she and the rest of the participating Bay-state team are happy to lend a helping hand to helping local nonprofit organizations provide wonderful opportunities for the people in the region.

“Our community agencies know and understand what the needs of our community and neighbors are, and they are able to express what is needed, we’re just trying to help them in any way we can,” said Gray. “It’s gratifying for us, but it’s also about just meeting the actual healthcare needs in a variety of settings well beyond the walls of the hospital.”

DEADLINE

*The Journal Register* has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week’s edition, email Editor at [bcoulter@turley.com](mailto:bcoulter@turley.com) or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at [bcoulter@turley.com](mailto:bcoulter@turley.com), or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Palmer Tax Collector would like to remind all taxpayers of the following:

Fiscal Year 2020 3rd quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due and payable by Monday, February 3, 2020. Please note the Town Administration building is closed on Friday.

The Tax Collector's office is accepting credit and debit card payments for property taxes either on the town website at [www.townofpalmer.com](http://www.townofpalmer.com) or at the tax office. No telephone payments can be accepted. Credit cards accepted are Master Card, VISA, Discover and American Express.

There is a sliding scale fee for each bill paid which is passed on to the taxpayer. The fee structure is posted outside of the tax office and can also be viewed on the town website.

Please call the Collector's office at (413) 283-2601 with any questions pertaining to tax payments. Office hours: Monday 8:30-7:00, Tue. – Thurs. 8:30 – 4:30, Friday – closed.

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## Come say good-bye to Chief John Janulewicz

PALMER – Those who would like to see Palmer Police Chief John Janulewicz off to his retirement may do so on Friday, Jan. 31, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Palmer Police Department, at 4471 Main St. meeting room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

## TFL holds monthly game nights thru year

PALMER – Top Floor Learning will hold monthly game nights on Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library. There is no fee and no registration is required. Participants must be 16 or older, unless accompanied by an adult. Board games and card games are provided or bring your own Scrabble, cribbage, Monopoly, Uno, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8s, Hearts, Dominos or other games.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call 413-283-2329, or email [palewis19@yahoo.com](mailto:palewis19@yahoo.com).

## Plastic Planet movie to be shown Jan. 25

MONSON – The movie, “Plastic Planet” will be shown on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 177 Main St. The film is free and will be followed by discussion and refreshments. This is a must see film. Every person on the planet, even in the Arctic, has plastic in his blood. It affects peoples’ health, reproduction and longevity. Many sea animals, turtles, whales and other animals have died due to excessive plastic in their stomachs. For more info call Malita at 413-596-9075.

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contracted with ROTC in August of 2013. After contracting with ROTC, Lamb became a member of the Simultaneous Membership Program. As a SMP Cadet, he transferred to the Massachusetts HHC 1-181 Infantry Company where he served in the operations sections (Battalion S3) planning and managing training for the entire Battalion and shadowed platoon leaders from different sections to assist and learn from them on how to lead, develop and train soldiers.

In the summer of 2014, Lamb traveled to Romania on a Culture Understanding and Language Proficiency mission, which was to train, educate, and build rapport with the Romanian Army to better understand their culture and tactical capabilities on the battlefield.

The following year, he attended the Cadet Leadership Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky where he was evaluated on his leadership

competencies. “The course was approximately one month long as is mandatory for all contracted Cadets to attend and successfully pass the summer before the start of their senior year,” said Lamb. In May of 2016, he completed all of his education requirements in both the University and ROTC program and officially graduated with a degree in Business Management and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant as a Military Police Officer.

Lamb’s journey did not end after graduation. In November of 2016, he attended the Military Police Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The course was 138 days and was broken down into four training phases. Army Military Police common core, policing, tactical operations, and a two-week field training exercise that evaluated all lieutenants on what they learned throughout the course.

“My favorite phase of the course was the policing phase,” said Lamb. “It is what interested me the most and is why I chose

to follow through with the career of law enforcement. I ended up ranking five out of 44 in my class earning a sport on the Commandant’s List for exceeding the entire course requirement and graduating in the top 20 percent of my class.”

After graduating from the course, he was assigned to the 747th Military Police Company in Ware. “My duty assignment is to serve as the 2nd Platoon Leader, who was in charge of the Platoon’s combat readiness and training,” said Lamb. “In the months leading up to a drill weekend or exercise, my platoon sergeant and I developed training plans and exercises for the soldiers. The training usually consists of civil disturbance, police operations, and security support operations all of which prepares us for state active duty missions such as the Boston Marathon and Boston Esplanade.”

In addition to being a platoon leader, he served on Active Duty Operational Support Orders for two years with Region I, Homeland Response Force, where he

targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

PILATES: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A great way to start the evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

GOAT CHEESE WITH JEN: 6:30 to 8:00 PM Create fresh ricotta from goat milk and use herbs to flavor to meet your tastes. Instructor: Jen Poirier, Shepherd’s Gate Farm Fee: \$25 includes materials

### Wednesday, Jan. 29

WATERCOLOR: 9:30 to noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413-245-3295

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9 to 11 a.m.; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at [union61@tantasqua.org](mailto:union61@tantasqua.org)

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit [www.weightwatchers.com](http://www.weightwatchers.com) to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413-279-4330.

YOGA: 7:15-8:45 p.m. This 90-minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

### Tuesday, Jan. 28

ART GROUP: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

PILATES: 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise

COUPLES YOGA: 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Calling all couples for a short, fun series

# Hitchcock Academy calendar of events

of gentle yoga classes. No yoga experience necessary, and those new to yoga are especially encouraged to try it out. Couples can enjoy some time together exploring postures, breathing and mindfulness techniques, brief meditations, and relaxation. The classes will include individual and partner practices and some conscious communication practices with a partner. This is together time. For each person, bring a mat if possible, blanket and water, and wear comfortable clothing. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M. Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

### Thursday, Jan. 30

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEM Experiments 9 to 10:30 a.m. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at [union61@tantasqua.org](mailto:union61@tantasqua.org)

VIOLIN LESSONS: 2 to 5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

FENCING: 6:15-7:15 p.m. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

K9 NOSEWORK@ 7 – 8:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels.

(6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 Nose-Work® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Capture the highlights of the season with brilliant results by learning about light and exposure to capture fine details. (Second of two classes) Instructor: Kevin Kopychynski; [www.nature-explorations.com](http://www.nature-explorations.com)

### Friday, Jan. 31

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

K9 NOSEWORK 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (Six classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor-National Association of Canine Scent Work

ASTRONOMY: The Winter Sky 6 to 8 p.m. Join us for a seasonal look at stars, constellations and planets that are visible in the night sky. The talks will be given in concert with computer graphics utilizing planetarium software. If conditions permit there will be optional outdoor viewing after the scheduled talk. Instructor: Kevin Kopychynski; Fee: \$15

## State Representative Smola supports ‘Nicky’s Law’

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is supporting the establishment of a statewide registry to help protect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from abuse by their caregiver.

Senate Bill 2367, also known as “Nicky’s Law,” directs the Disabled Persons Protection Commission to create a confidential registry that will include the names of all care providers found to have abused a disabled individual. The

bill was amended by the House of Representatives with the substitution of a new text – House Bill 4296 – and engrossed on a vote of 154-0 on Jan. 15.

Nicky’s Law is named after Nicky Chan, a non-verbal individual who was beaten while attending a day program for people with intellectual disabilities in Millbury. Nicky’s mother, Cheryl, has been advocating for the creation of a registry since learning there is currently no mechanism in place to prevent an accused abuser from being rehired else-

where.

Under Nicky’s Law, the Department of Developmental Services and employers will be required to consult the registry before hiring a caregiver, and prohibited from employing any person who is listed on the registry. Employers who fail to comply with the law could face a fine of up to \$5,000, the revocation of their license, the forfeiture of their state contract, or any combination of these penalties.

In addition to notifying DDS and the care provider’s last known employer of their placement on the registry, the DPPC will also be required to notify the care provider of their right to appeal the decision to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals. Individuals listed on the registry can petition the DPPC to remove their name 5 years after their initial

placement on the registry or 5 years after the conclusion of any prior petition to remove their name, whichever is later.

In Fiscal Year 2019, the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the DPPC reviewed 13,102 allegations of abuse, with 2,214 of these reports referred to the District Attorneys for further review or assignment for a criminal investigation. According to The Arc of Massachusetts, less than 10% of cases referred to District Attorneys actually result in charges against the abuser.

The Senate previously approved its own version of the caregiver registry on Oct. 17, 2019. Both branches will now work to reconcile the differences between the two bills. For additional information, please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

## BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

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Viewpoints

Tax break ends decades of delay

Two decades ago, voters in Massachusetts asked for a 5 percent income tax, and it's taken this long for Beacon Hill to comply. As of several weeks ago, the "temporary" income tax hike instituted by Gov. Mike Dukakis in 1989 is finally history.

It's history worth remembering, especially since so many people are too young to remember it all: Massachusetts' state income tax was 5 percent as the state faced a budget crunch in the late 1980s, and Dukakis and the Legislature raised it to a "temporary" 5.95 percent, intended to last a year and a half, to meet the crisis. Instead of repealing this tax, the state raised the rate again in 1990, to 6.25 percent. There were reductions in 1992 and 2000, but it was still 5.85 percent a decade after the "temporary" hikes.

In 2000, voters approved a plan to reduce the income tax to 5.6 percent in 2001, 5.3 in 2002 and 5.0 in 2003. Though this was a binding question with 60 percent support, the Legislature passed a law in 2002 replacing the last two years of the timeline with a new plan to reduce the tax by 0.05 percent annually whenever certain state revenue targets were met. That meant it would have taken at least 12 years to get back to 5 percent, rather than the two remaining years that voters had demanded. It actually took 18 years, because revenues missed their benchmarks during some recession years.

Whether the Dukakis tax hike was necessary or helpful isn't the point. Whether the 2000 tax rollback vote was necessary or helpful isn't the point. The fact is that the voters of Massachusetts asked for a 5 percent income tax. They deserved the fruits — including any negative consequences — of this decision. Instead, their elected "public servants" subverted their will with a delay tactic that lasted nearly two decades.

Sadly, this income tax rollback isn't happening because legislators and the governor finally wised up to the fact that they work for us. It's happening because the economy is healthy and state revenue is growing both from taxes on rising incomes and from several new sources — on marijuana sales, on legalized casinos, on Airbnb-style rentals. Massachusetts has finally hit all the economic targets.

It only took 18 years. Think about that. A one-month-old baby alive when the voters demanded a 5 percent income tax spent her entire childhood in a household where her parents paid a tax rate that voters had rejected; got her first job as a teenager and still paid a tax rate that voters had rejected; and was able to cast a ballot in 2018 for a Legislature and governor who had helped ensure that she and her parents were still being overtaxed.

And that's only counting back to the repeal vote. There are 30-year-olds with solid careers who have lived their entire lives during Dukakis' "temporary" state income tax hike. For the generation that has never paid a state income tax as low as 5 percent, this year's reduction is nothing but good news.

For those who have had to live with broken promises for three decades, there's only one thing to say about what this saga has done to their faith in politics — it's been taxing.



Props for indoor seed sowing help insure success

Last week we focused our attention on the record-keeping end of growing indoor seedlings. This week I thought it would be fun to gather together the props we'll need when the time finally comes for us to start our seeds. I had the perfect article in the archives to share this information with you. Read on.

My container of choice for seed starting is made of plastic. Unlike clay or peat, it will not wick moisture away from the growing medium.

Since constant moisture is necessary for germination, this is a plus. A shallow pot is best. Some folks like to use old-fashioned bulb "pans," since they are less deep than they are wide. I have a number of open flats that I reuse year after year. Six of these fit in a standard rectangular tray. On top of the tray fits a clear plastic "humidity" dome. The dome, or even a clear plastic bag tented over the top of your containers will also help to keep the seed bed moist. Reusing containers, trays, labels and other supplies is a great idea as long as they are clean, sanitized, in fact. Do this by soaking them briefly in a 10 percent bleach solution after they've been washed in soapy water. The bleach will kill off any pathogens that attack germinating seeds.

Speaking of pathogens, garden soil is full of them! For that reason, use a soil-less seed starting mix or "growing medium" rather than potting soil in which to start your transplants. Besides being free of pathogens and weed seeds, it has the perfect blend of ingredients to stay moist without being soggy. Look at your growing medium and notice shiny flecks as well as what appear to be tiny pieces of Styrofoam. The former is vermiculite, capable of holding many times its weight in water, while perlite, the latter, drains readily. The main ingredient in these mixes is usually

peat moss, although some brands these days use coir, an easily renewable substance made from coconut shells. Be sure to purchase a mix that is labeled for seed starting; it will be milled fine enough so as not to bury tiny seeds.

Now that you have bought your seed-starting mix and washed all of your supplies, it's time to think heat and light. The optimum temperature to start most annual flowers and vegetables indoors is a very comfortable 72 degrees. If your household is kept cooler than that it might be worth investing in a heat mat or germinating cables. Those that come with a thermostat will be more expensive, but can be set warmer for those crops that prefer heat or cooler for those that don't. Heat mats are used during the germination process only, after that most seedlings prefer cooler temps in which to grow on.

While seedlings don't usually need heat, they absolutely need light. Mediocre plants can be grown on a sunny windowsill if you rotate them a few times throughout the day. A fluorescent "shop light" affixed with cool bulbs hung just a couple of inches above young seedlings will greatly improve the quality of your plants. Suspend the fixture from chains hung from your ceiling and raise them as plants grow. Sounds simple enough, and it really is.

Try your hand at starting your own seedlings this spring and I promise you'll be glad you did!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for gifts

I am writing to thank Palmer residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Palmer and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.9 million shoebox gifts in 2019. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2019, the ministry is now sending 10,569,405 shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes-packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, Palmer volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories since 1993.

It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Palmer are closed until Nov. 16 - 23, information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) or by calling 518-437-0690.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project-many who do so year after year. These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Dana Williams  
Operation Christmas Child  
Boone, North Carolina

“Well! It’s about time!”

“Well! It's about time!” is an everyday expression. It can be said sarcastically if something has happened and sadly, by all appearances, something was really late or completely missed.

Or, perhaps we've said those words? “Well...It's about time!” when driving and someone has totally missed the green arrow or green light at an intersection? Or, maybe gasped those words when finally getting up to the cashier's register, with toddler and teen in tow, and exhausted, we dumping and sprawling items all over the counter?

However, rather than using “Well! It's about time!” as a negative note, let's explore wisdom's words in a positive way.

Time by definition is difficult to grasp. It's a split second. It's when minutes morph into hours between sunrise and sunset creating a 24-hour day. And, perhaps in January 2020, it's timely to think over how we handle time? Are there wise words from our predecessors and today's peers?

“What then is time? If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks, I do not know.” Saint Augustine

“Time is the brush of God, as he paints his masterpiece on the heart of humanity.” Ravi Zacharias

Time in the present; not in the past:

“You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time.” Charles F. Kettering

“The present is the only time in which any duty may be done or grace received.” C. S. Lewis

Time well invested; not wasted:

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

“You may delay, but time will not.” – Benjamin Franklin

“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Time can be an ally or an enemy. What it becomes depends entirely upon you, your goals, and your determination to use every available minute.” Zig Ziglar

“At the end of your life, you'll never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent.” Barbara Bush

And, suggestions about the present time:

“Have regular hours for work and play, make each day both useful and pleasant, and prove that you understand the work of time by employing it well. The youth will bring few regrets, and life will become a beautiful success.” Louisa May Alcott

Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time we get.” Art Buckwald

“Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.” Bil Keane, (Family Circle cartoonist.)

Now, you ask, “Are there quotes with wit and humor?” Yes! Well! It's about time to brighten up and lighten up:

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.” Abraham Lincoln

“I'm going to stop putting things off, starting tomorrow.” Sam Levenson.

“To make time fly, throw your watch out the window.” Anonymous

“I'm not lazy, I'm waiting for inspiration to hit me...should be here anytime now.” Anonymous

May these few moments inspire new thoughts about, “Well! It's about time!” Remember that “... today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.”

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

# When should I claim my widow's benefit?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My husband passed away at the age of 52, and I was 53. I am currently 59. I've read about and been encouraged to file for widow's benefits from Social Security when I turn 60. My question is: does doing that impact when I should file for my regular Social Security benefits? In reading on many websites regarding my question, this never is addressed on what is best. Signed: Widowed Survivor

**Dear Survivor:** You have my sympathy for the loss of your husband at such a young age. I'll try to clarify your options for you.

Provided you have not remarried you can claim your survivor benefit at age 60, but if you do, it will be reduced by 28.5 percent from what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67. As long as you are explicit when claiming your survivor benefit that you are not also applying for your own Social Security benefit, there will be no negative impact to your eventual Social Security retirement benefit when you claim that. But, determining which benefit to take, and when, requires some thought.

Your goal should be to get the highest benefit possible for the rest of your life. To help you decide how and when to file, you should first see what your survivor benefit will be at your full retirement age (100 percent of what your husband was entitled to at his death). If that amount is more than you are entitled to on your own at age 70, then you should consider waiting until age 67 (your FRA) to claim your widow's benefit, so you can get that higher survivor benefit for the rest of your life.

Conversely, if your own age 70 benefit will be more than your widow's benefit at your FRA, then claiming your widow's benefit first and allowing your own benefit to grow until age 70 when it reaches maximum would be the more prudent choice. You can get estimates of both your survivor benefit and your age 70 retirement benefit by contacting Social Security. But if claiming the survivor benefit at age 60 is what you decide, or if you were to instead claim your Social Security retirement benefits early (e.g., age 62) there's more for you to consider.

If you are collecting any Social Security benefits before you reach your full retirement age (FRA) and you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's "earnings limit" which restricts the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the earnings limit changes annually; for 2020 it is \$18,240). Up until the year you reach your FRA, they will take back benefits equal to one half of any earnings you have over the limit. During the year you reach your FRA the limit increases by about 2.5 times and the penalty is less, and once you reach your FRA there is no longer a limit on your earnings.

So, if you claim your survivor benefit at age 60 and are working, exceeding the earnings limit will result in you permanently losing some of your survivor benefits. If, instead, you claim your SS retirement benefit early (e.g., at age 62) you'll still be subject to the earnings limit until you reach age 67, but at your FRA they will give you time credit for any months you didn't get your retirement benefits and increase your benefit amount accordingly.

The important point to remember is that you have a choice of which benefit to take, and evaluating your options as described above should lead you to the right answer, whether you should claim your reduced survivor benefit at age 60, or to delay until it reaches maximum at age 67.

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*Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.*

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in and complete that iconic event. They also successfully finished the Ironman World Championship in 1999. To date, they remain one of only two push-assist teams ever to have completed Kona. To date, they have completed 257 triathlons together, including six Ironmans and seven Ironman 70.3 events.

There are now push-assist duos worldwide who take part in running races

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adoption center. We will always be here for pets like Tucker."

The Second Chance medical staff has already given Tucker a thorough check-up and updated his vaccines. He traveled to the Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield for his neuter surgery, the last step before he can be officially adopted. All adoptable pets at Second Chance are treated to a full range of medical attention that also includes heartworm/lyme/erlichia/anaplasmosis and fecal testing, heartworm and flea and tick preventatives and a microchip.

The young pup quickly stole the hearts of many at the adoption center and he will be going to his forever home this

and triathlons because of Rick and Dick paving the way for them more than 30 years ago.

Area residents have seen them in any number of events, including the Boston Marathon and Team Hoyt races, some of which were held locally.

Sturbridge held a road race in honor of Rick Hoyt last year.

week.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

For more information, visit Second Chance's website at [www.secondchance-animals.org](http://www.secondchance-animals.org).

# Schools

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Springfield College recognizes dean's list students

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College recognized the following local students for making the dean's list during the 2019 fall semester: Hayden France, of Brimfield, who is studying criminal justice; Heather Fontaine, of Brimfield, who is studying health science and pre-physical therapy; Caitlyn Mills, of Fiskdale, who is studying health science and pre-physical therapy; Emma Jacques, of Brimfield, who is studying marketing. Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

### Becker College dean's list announced

WORCESTER/LEICESTER – Becker College recognized the following local residents who were named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. The dean's list recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

Those students include Alexis Cadoret, of Monson, who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing; Clayton Courtemanche, of Monson, who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a concentration in sports management; Emma Devlin, of Brimfield, who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in veterinary science, clinical and laboratory animal medicine; Meghan Drysdale, of Brimfield, who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in equine studies; Megan Stapleton, of Monson, is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in biology; Annie Turnbull, of Three Rivers, is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing, Julian Vaill, of Palmer, is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in interactive media design, game development and a concentration in programming.

## Pope Francis Prep receives \$2M gift

SPRINGFIELD – Pope Francis Preparatory School recently announced a \$2 million gift from an anonymous alumnus. The gift, one of the largest single gifts received in the history of Pope Francis Prep and their legacy schools, Cathedral High School and Holyoke Catholic High School, will support the school's operational budget and is unrestricted, allowing Pope Francis Prep to direct the funds to its highest priorities and areas of impact.

"We are honored and deeply grateful to this donor for such generosity," said Head of School, Dr. Paul Harrington. "A gift of this magnitude is transformative for Pope Francis Prep. To provide our school with such a generous gift, demonstrates this donor's confidence in Catholic education and our potential for even greater positive impact on students' lives and of those they will affect in the future."

The unrestricted gift will be the founding donation for the Pope Francis Preparatory School Legacy Fund and will be maintained in an investment account owned by Pope Francis Preparatory School and managed by Merrill Lynch.

## St. Aloysius Catholic School offers scholarships for 2020/2021 school year

GILBERTVILLE – A benefactor of St. Aloysius Catholic School

has pledged \$35,000 in matching funds towards the school's 2020/2021 scholarship drive, \$5,000 more the amount offered last year. "This benefactor visited the school recently and is so happy that we are here, providing a local option for a Catholic education. He hopes that even more families will be able to enroll their children; reducing tuition is a big motivator for parents," said Roberta McQuaid, the school's director. "There is much excitement over the recent addition of another classroom for our youngest students. We now have distinct preschool and pre-kindergarten classrooms, which offer developmentally appropriate learning experiences for our 3 and 4-year-olds. We are also providing experiential learning experiences for our oldest students. Each week they spend an afternoon in Ware at Workshop13, where they are thoroughly engaged

in various art classes."

Last year the school raised slightly more than its goal of \$30,000. With matching funds, a total of \$60,435 was divided equitably to reduce tuitions by \$1,000 for each full-price student.

"Our goal would be to maintain, if not increase this discount. Currently, with the scholarship, it costs \$2,800 a year for a family's first student in grades K-8, with a discount for siblings and a premium for the five-day preschool program. This equates to as low as \$20 per day" said McQuaid.

Father Richard A. Lembo, pastor, is grateful to everyone who supported last year's scholarship drive and hopes even more people will contribute this time around. "The future you are providing for these students through their education includes a foundation for their Catholic Faith life. We know that faith in God helps support and sustain students through their entire life."

St. Aloysius Catholic School's unique mission includes operating in a family-centered environment that provides faith formation, innovative academics, and a commitment to the local community. The school serves students in preschool through grade 8.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax-deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Scholarship Fund, please visit [www.staloyiuscatholicsschool.com](http://www.staloyiuscatholicsschool.com). Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Donations to the Scholarship Fund received prior to March 15 will help reduce tuition rates for the upcoming school year.

For more information email McQuaid at [rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com) or call the school at 413-477-1268.

## Annual 'Girls and Women in Sports Day' set for Jan. 25

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University will host the 20th Annual Girls & Women in Sports Day Saturday, Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Alumni Healthful Living Center. The free event is a community service program designed for girls between the ages of 6 and 12 from the greater Springfield area.

"The focus is not only teaching athletic skills but to also encourage a life-long interest in sport and physical activity," said Jennifer Kolins, the university's men's and women's tennis coach and community outreach coordinator. "We want

to encourage young women to make healthy life choices, strengthen their self-esteem, and introduce a variety of sports to girls from Springfield and surrounding areas."

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in three sports clinics, with offerings to include basketball, dance, field hockey, soccer, softball, volleyball, swimming, and tennis. Clinics will be instructed by Western New England coaches and varsity athletes and include both instruction and time for play. Light snacks will be served.

While the event is free, partic-

ipants are asked to bring a personal hygiene produce (e.g., hair products, deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels, etc.) to be donated to a local shelter.

All participants and their families are invited to remain at the Alumni Healthful Living Center and attend at no charge the Western New England women's basketball game at 1 p.m. and the men's basketball game at 3 p.m., as the teams take on Endicott College.

For more information and to register, visit [wnegoldenbears.com/information/girls-women-sports/G-W\\_2020](http://wnegoldenbears.com/information/girls-women-sports/G-W_2020).

## STCC to offer certified auto damage appraisal course starts Feb. 4

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College will offer a certified auto damage appraisal course for insurance claims professionals and auto body technicians beginning Feb. 4.

The 60-hour course is the first step to becoming an auto damage appraiser in Massachusetts. The training through STCC's Workforce Development Center prepares students for the exam to be a licensed appraiser.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., through April 9.

Approved by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance, the training offers an in-depth discussion of insurance regulations, policy arbitration and work completion forms.

The instructor has more than 40 years' experience in the colli-

sion repair and insurance industry in Massachusetts and Connecticut and holds auto appraiser licenses in both states.

The course will include the use of flat rate manual, collision diagnosis, cost estimation and preparation of written estimates.

To become licensed, students will need to complete the course and a three-month apprenticeship with a licensed Massachusetts automobile appraiser. In addition, they will need to obtain a certified letter verifying the apprenticeship. The apprenticeship must be completed prior to applying to take the Massachusetts Automobile Damage Appraisers License Examination.

For more information and to enroll online, visit [www.stcc.edu/autoappraisal](http://www.stcc.edu/autoappraisal). To contact the Workforce Development Center Office, call 413-755-4225.

Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state. STCC's highly regarded transfer programs in business, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, liberal arts, and STEM fields continue to provide the most affordable options for students pursuing a four-year degree. With an annual enrollment of about 7,000 day, evening, weekend, and online students, STCC is a vibrant campus rich in diversity.

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# Police/Fire

## Police Logs

### PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 322 calls from Jan. 15 through Jan. 21. The Department made eight arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 15

Michael R. Jr. Partlow, 34, of 1246 Park St., Palmer, was arrested at 5:08 p.m., on a warrant.

## Fire Logs

### PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of 17 calls from Jan. 15 to Jan. 21.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 8:34 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 8:50 a.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 5:30 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 6:11 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11:11 p.m., the department responded to a call that was dispatched and cancelled en route on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 11:16 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 10:50 a.m., the department aided a governmental agency on Park Street. The department returned to service at 11:18 a.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 11:18 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 11:38 a.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 12:18 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Fletcher Street. The department returned to service at 12:45 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 1:32 p.m., the department responded to a downed power line on Peterson Road. The department returned to service at 2:13 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 3:19 p.m., the department responded to a bush fire on Mount Dumplin Street. The department returned to service at 3:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 3:33 p.m., the department provided public service on Central Street. The department returned to service 3:42 p.m.

## Quabbin Visitor Center Winter programs

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Visitor Center will explore the many dimensions of Quabbin Reservoir and will have programs on related topics including: “Regional Consequences of Global Warming” on Feb. 9, “Discovering the Other Lost Valley” on Feb. 16, “Quabbin Enters the Digital Age” on Feb. 23, “Voyagers, Visitors and Home” on March 1, “The National Ecological Observatory Network: Open Data to Understand How Our Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems Are Changing” on March 8, “Fabric, Factories and Fashion: A History of Textiles in the Quabbin Valley” on March 15, “Ticks and Tick-Born Diseases in MA and Across the U.S.” on March 22, and “Walk the Milky Way” on March 29 (7:30 p.m. with Reservations required). Unless otherwise noted, the programs begin at 2 p.m.

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Carlo A. Siano, 65, of 138 Gates St., Thorndike, was arrested at 5:21 p.m., on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on a charge of the possession of a Class A Drug.

#### Thursday, Jan. 16

Michelle Lynn Hall, 35, of 2029 Main St. Apt #2, Three Rivers, was arrested at 6:56 p.m., on Main Street in Palmer, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registration; and interfering with a police officer.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 9:01 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service 9:29 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 17, at 6:50 a.m., the department provided station coverage on Boston Road, with mutual aid from the Wilbraham Fire Department. The department returned to service at 8:35 a.m.

On Friday, Jan. 17, at 8:24 a.m., the department responded to a carbon Monoxide Detector activation on Church Street. The department returned to service 8:49 a.m.

On Friday, Jan. 17, at 10:01 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:15 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 2:35 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Homestead Street. The department returned to service at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2:16 a.m., the department conducted a smoke removal on Pinney Street. The department returned to service at 2:40 a.m.

On Monday, Jan. 20, 8:32 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 9:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7:08 a.m. the department responded to a detector activation on Church Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 7:50 a.m.

### THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of 4 calls from Jan. 15th through Jan. 19th.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 10:10 a.m., the department provided public service on Sylvia Street. The department returned to service at 10:30 a.m.

#### Friday, Jan. 17

Jonathan Joseph Langlois, 22, of 1 Joyce St., Wales, was arrested at 7:26 p.m., on Main Street in Three Rivers, on charges of possessing a Class A Drug; and a marked lanes violation.

#### Saturday, Jan. 18

Julio F. Calcano, 33, of 96 Chatham St. Apt. #1, Worcester, was arrested at 4:45 a.m. on Main Street in Thorndike, on charges operating under influence of liquor; and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11:00 p.m., the department conducted an outside smoke investigation on Baptists Hill Road. The department returned to service at 11:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 9:20 a.m., the department responded to a fuel spill on Main Street. The department returned to service at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, at 11:00 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Breton Street. The department returned to service at 11:37 p.m.

## BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of 2 calls from Jan. 14 to Jan. 20.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide detector activation on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 9:56 a.m.

On Friday, Jan. 17, at 10:50 a.m., the duty officer conducted public assistance for a smoke detector on State Street. The officer returned to service at 11:15 a.m.

## MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to a total of 43 EMS calls and four fire calls from Jan. 13 through Jan. 19.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 9:28 a.m., the department responded a call of smoke in the area of Ely Road. The department returned to service at 9:38 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 9:53 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Margaret Street. The department returned to service at 10:15 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10:31 p.m., the department responded to a report of smoke in the area of Stafford Road. The department returned to service at 10:28 p.m.

Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

# Gobi and Ashe announce release of Crumbling Foundation Commission Report

BOSTON – State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Rep. Brian M. Ashe (D-Longmeadow) are pleased to announce the release of the report completed by the Special Commission to Study the Financial and Economic Impacts of Crumbling Concrete Foundations due to the Presence of Pyrrhotite. The Commission held five public meetings and welcomed the input of government officials, scientists and industry professionals before issuing its recommendations, which include several measures to prohibit the use of tainted concrete, further evaluate the extent of its impact, and remediate the structural damages and resulting financial burden of afflicted homeowners in Central Massachusetts.

As Senate Chair of the Special Commission, Gobi said, “I appreciate the work of the commission, our partners in Connecticut, and the professionals who assisted in this report. The work, however, is just beginning. Too many homeowners are at risk and steps must be taken to assist them in retaining their homes. I will continue to advocate for them and to work with the administration and my legislative colleagues on the state and federal level to provide necessary relief.”

Ashe, House Chair of the Special Commission said, “Although I wish we never had to be in this position, it has been my privilege to co-chair this commission with Senator Gobi. I am grateful and want to thank all of the members for their work, dedication and unique talents that they each brought forth. As well, I want to thank our colleagues in Connecticut for their guidance and support, as they have been dealing with this issue for a few years. Our report shows that we approached this problem with the homeowners being our top priority by trying to assist, educate and guide them through this process. We will continue to inform and educate residents from western and central

Mass in an effort to make sure they understand the serious nature of this unfortunate but catastrophic issue. I am committed to continue working with Senator Gobi as we must now educate the legislature so they have a better understanding of how critical this is for many homeowners and the financial impact we are facing. Working with the legislature, our residents, realtors, banks, insurance companies, concrete professionals as well as the best science and geological experts, we will continue to study and try to rectify our current dilemma and prevent future occurrences.”

“I want to thank Senator Gobi, Representative Ashe and the Commission for their work,” said state Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), who sponsored the amendment establishing the commission during the budget debate. “There have been far too many people affected by this issue, through no fault of their own, and there are many more out there who do not yet even know that they are affected. The recommendations in this report provide a way to help make them whole and assure something like this doesn’t happen again.”

This Commission was established in the fiscal 2019 state budget after it was discovered that pyrrhotite, a mineral found in concrete originating from Becker’s Quarry in Wilmington, Connecticut, was causing residential foundations in many Central Massachusetts towns, extending as far as 44 miles from the Quarry, to deteriorate and crumble. The impacts of using this concrete have been significant in the state of Connecticut, which the Commission focused much of its study on. The Commission was tasked with several items, including:

- Examining the degree to which concrete foundations are crumbling due to the presence of pyrrhotite in the commonwealth.
- Estimating the cost to fully restore concrete foundations dam-

aged due to the presence of pyrrhotite.

- Analyzing the effect the presence of pyrrhotite has on property values and the resulting fiscal impact on property tax revenues.
- Providing an analysis of the impact on the real estate industry.
- Review of the best practices undertaken in other states which have faced this issue.

The Commission invited state officials, scientists and professionals from Connecticut to present their findings and actions taken to address and remediate the impacts of crumbling concrete foundations in Connecticut. The Commission also drew upon the expertise of the its own members, which included legislators, Massachusetts residents impacted by crumbling foundations, local officials, and professionals in the construction, insurance, and real estate industries.

Based on its findings, the Commission recommended that the General Court pass legislation to enable captive insurance companies to conduct business in Massachusetts for the purpose of overseeing the evaluation, repair, replacement and reimbursement of qualified residential crumbling foundations, as well as to create a state Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund.

It also made recommendations focused on increasing awareness and remedies available to residents and impacted industries, testing and prohibiting the use of all concrete originating from quarries containing pyrite and pyrrhotite, requiring home sellers to disclose any foundation inspections or testing, and further collaboration with the insurance and real estate industries to assess and remediate the issue.

The Commission intends to hold a public hearing in the coming months to present the report and its recommendations. For more information on the report, please contact Senator Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

# Fresh Air Fund invites families to host urban children for the summer

REGION – Fresh Air summers are filled with children running through the sprinklers in the grass, gazing at star-filled skies and swimming for the first time. This summer, residents are invited to join volunteer host families in the Pioneer Valley Area, and open their heart and home to a Fresh Air child. Each summer, thousands of children from New York City’s low-income communities visit suburban, rural and small town communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada through The Fresh Air Fund’s Friendly Towns Program.

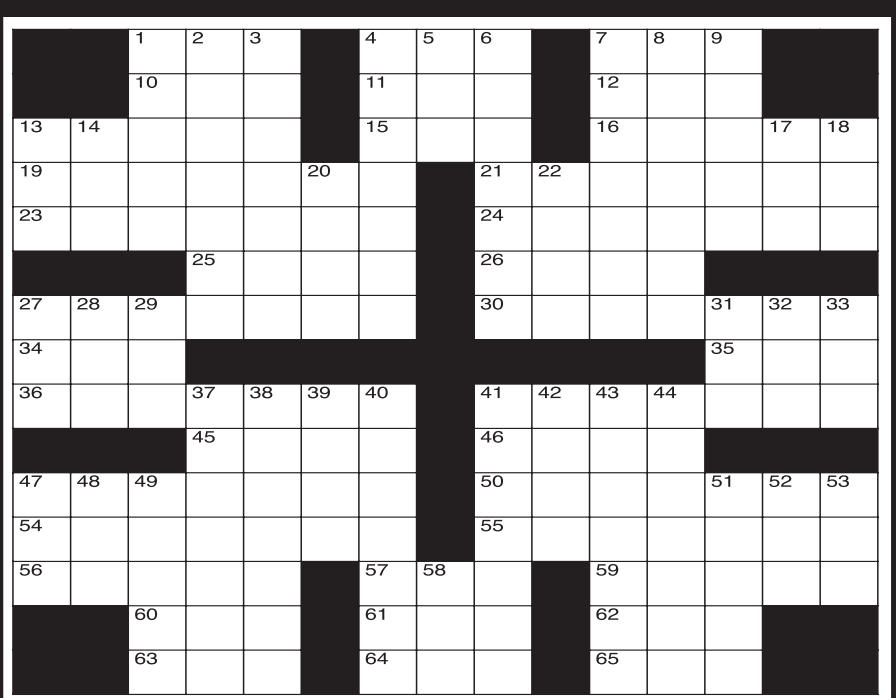
“My first year hosting, I was so nervous and my boys kept saying it would be great. And then by the end, I was in tears. That moment I realized what a special program Friendly Towns is and how impactful it is to our lives and theirs,” Kim Carrico said. “We go to Adventureland with other Fresh Air families, to the pool and keep in touch during the year.

Asah and Jalon have had such an impact on my kids’ lives and my own.” Asah, age 13, of the Bronx, and Jalon, age 14, of Brooklyn, have been visiting the Carrico family in Kings Park, N.Y., for two summers and three summers, respectively.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, nonprofit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. First time

Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from 7 to 13-years-old, who live in New York City. Children who are re-invited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

For more information about hosting a Fresh Air child this summer, please contact Nuala Sullivan-Wall at 413-519-7909 or visit [www.FreshAir.org](http://www.FreshAir.org).



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Public broadcaster
4. Hit lightly
7. Keyboard key
10. Grain
11. Make a mistake
12. To the \_\_ degree
13. Endure without complaint
15. Chinese-American actress Ling
16. Edible stomach lining
19. Sunrooms
21. Feared
23. Most eager
24. Excessive chatting session
25. MLB ace
26. Major Central European river
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. Where seedlings germinate
34. Former monetary

- unit of the EU
35. Personal ads abbreviation
36. Mythical animal
41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
45. German city
46. Algerian coastal city
47. Military men
50. Salt of sulfuric acid
54. Rhododendrons
55. Mixture
56. Recommended quantities
57. 007's creator
59. Men
60. Kids need it
61. Midway between east and east-northeast
62. OJ trial judge
63. Yes vote
64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC
65. Create with cloth

#### CLUES DOWN

1. English seaport
2. What's owed
3. Sound systems
4. Elections feature them
5. Southern constellation
6. London and Brooklyn are two
7. One-time Ugandan capital
8. Attacked with bombs
9. Rebuke
13. Expression of disappointment
14. A way to work the soil
17. The human foot
18. Sun up in New York
20. A small island
22. Abnormal rattling sound
27. Make lively
28. A team's best pitcher
29. It goes on the floor
31. Not good

32. Peyton's little brother
33. Barrier that holds back water
37. Move quickly
38. Deteriorate with age
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. Cheekier
41. Expresses praise or joy
42. Famed boxing promoter
43. Cured sausages
44. Fill with air or gas
47. Angry
48. Chemistry prefix
49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion
51. Softly bright or radiant
52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids
53. First responder group
58. Defensive nuclear weapon



Health & Wellness

Baystate Health has blood donation options

SPRINGFIELD—“Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person – the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components – red cells, platelets and plasma.”

Those are the words of the World Health Organization, who along with Baystate Health and other organizations the world over are celebrating National Blood Donor Month in January.

“The bad weather along with a myriad of illnesses during the winter months makes collecting enough blood a challenge to meet the critical needs of patients. Held every January since 1970, Blood Donor Month serves as a reminder of the constant need for blood with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during one of the most difficult times of the year,” said Amy Osgood, Baystate Health’s blood donor recruiter.

“And at this moment we have an especially high need for platelet donations,” she added.

According to the Baystate blood recruiter, each year at Baystate Health, more than 6,300 patients receive more than 19,000 transfusions of blood products.

“At Baystate Health, 100 percent of all blood and platelet donations made to our Blood Donor Program are used locally in western Massachusetts,” Osgood said.

Additional “blood facts” include:

- Although approx. 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10 percent actually do.
- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.

“An average adult has about 10 pints of blood in their body. About 1 pint is given during a donation and the average red cell transfusion is approx. 3 pints.

“Over 1 million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Many will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy.

“Blood donors have two options to donate blood at Baystate Health.

Although the American Red Cross recently suspended their local bloodmobile operations, Baystate continues to serve the blood needs of the community with its traveling bloodmobile.

Blood donations can also be made at Baystate’s Blood Donor Center located on the first floor of the hospital’s Daly Building in Springfield. Hours are Monday from 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon.

An average blood donation takes less than 10 to 12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes less than an hour. Donors must be at least age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. New donors will be asked to provide a photo ID. Whole blood donors are able to give blood every 8 weeks.

Platelets are important in the control of bleeding and are generally used in patients with leukemia and other forms of cancer, open heart surgery patients, transplant patients, and some trauma patients. Since they must be used within five days, maintaining an adequate supply is always a challenge. Baystate’s Blood Donor Center has state-of-the-art plateletpheresis machines called Trimas that are faster, provide a better end product, and use only one needle.

Whole blood can be donated every 56 days and up to six times each year. Platelet donors, who take part in apheresis, can donate as frequently as every two weeks, or 24 times per year.

Donors must complete a pre-donation questionnaire each time they donate blood. This is required by the FDA to help ensure that you are safe to donate. Donors may complete their questionnaire on their smart phone or computer prior to visiting the donor center or bloodmobile. The questionnaire, however, must be completed on the same day that the donor intends to donate. Access to the pre-donation questionnaire is available at <https://bmcdhq.bhs.org/DDAdv>.

To thank donors after giving blood or platelets, they can choose from a variety of gifts throughout the year, such as tickets to Six Flags New England, Dunkin’ gift cards, Big Y gift cards or tickets to The Big E.

Also, if donors do not know their blood type, about four weeks after their first donation to Baystate Health, their blood type will be recorded and shared with them in person during your their donation.

Any organization or business looking to host the Baystate Health Blood Donor Mobile can call Amy Osgood at 413-322-4125. To make an appointment at the Blood Donor Center, call 413-794-4600.

For more information, and to see where the bloodmobile will be throughout western Massachusetts, visit [baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor](http://baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor).

USDA announces sign-up period for conservation stewardship program

AMHERST -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2020 is Mar. 20. USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service plans to invest up to \$725 million nationwide for new enrollments and contract extensions in fiscal year 2020.

“CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals,” said Dan Wright, NRCS Massachusetts state conservationist. “It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled.”

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by Mar. 20, to ensure their applications are considered for 2020 funding.

The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level. NRCS is authorized to accept new CSP enrollments from now until 2023. Some important improvements to the program include:

NRCS now enrolls eligible, high ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For fiscal 2020, NRCS can spend up to \$725 million in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.

Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.

CSP now provides specific support for organic and transitioning to organic production activities, and a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.

CSP is offered through continuous sign-ups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.

For more information and to apply, contact your local USDA-NRCS office:

- Hadley field office – 413-585-1000, ext 3, serving Hampden and Hampshire counties
- Holden field office – 508-829-4477, ext 3, serving Worcester County

Baystate Medical Center to hold free “Heart & Vascular Health” lecture series

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Medical Center will hold its popular free Heart & Vascular Health Lecture Series during the month of February, beginning on Feb. 2 with interventional cardiologist Dr. Amir Lotfi of the hospital’s Heart & Vascular Program.

Dr. Lotfi’s session, “Watchman and CTO: Advances in Care for the Treatments of Atrial Fibrillation and Complete Total Occlusion,” will provide an update on how scientific advances are allowing for alternative treatment for AFib and complete coronary artery occlusion.

The Heart & Vascular Health Lecture Series, presented by the Baystate Heart & Vascular Program as part of American Heart Month, will focus on presentations designed by Baystate Medical Center physicians to inform those attending on the latest advances in heart and vascular care and how they can maintain or improve their heart and vascular health.

All lectures will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Baystate Health Education Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke.

The free lectures continue of Feb. 9 with heart failure specialist Dr. Leeor Jaffe of Baystate’s Heart & Vascular Program, who will present “CardioMEMS and Heart Failure: Latest Technology To Improve Care for Patients with Heart Failure.” Dr. Jaffe will discuss heart failure and the implications of a weakened heart, and will provide an update in technology, including a simple device that can detect concerns before symptoms arise.

Vascular surgeon Dr. Yiming Avery Ching of Baystate Vascular Services will present “PAD and Carotid Disease: Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Best Therapies for Vascular Disease” on Feb. 16. His presentation will focus on symptoms and when to seek treatment for peripheral arterial disease and disease of the carotid artery.

Those attending will learn about the most effective treatment available to improve symptoms and minimize other health risks.

The series will conclude on Feb. 23 with “Heart Disease Hot Topics: Vaping, E-Cigarettes, Marijuana and Alcohol – Harmless or Destructive? What Patients with Heart Disease Need To Know.” The session will be led by preventive cardiologist Dr. Quinn Pack of Baystate’s Heart & Vascular Program.

Heart healthy light refreshments will be served at the lectures and educational handouts on heart and vascular health will be provided. Parking is free and registration is required for each session by visiting [baystatehealth.org/events](http://baystatehealth.org/events), or calling 413-794-5200.

To learn more about Baystate Medical Center’s life-saving cardiac capabilities, visit [www.baystatehealth.org/bhvp](http://www.baystatehealth.org/bhvp).



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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Flu-ridden Mustangs take down Panthers

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — Even with several key players battling the flu, the Monson girls varsity basketball team didn't miss a beat in the first meeting of the regular season with Central Division rival Palmer.

The Lady Mustangs, who built a 15-point lead early in the second quarter, cruised to a 66-39 road victory against the Lady Panthers, last Monday night, Jan. 13.

"One of our players wasn't here because she's sick. Another player was here, but wasn't cleared to play due to an illness," said Monson head coach Tim Pascale, who also had the flu. "A couple of other players are also sick, but they played in tonight's game. It's always a hard-fought battle whenever we play Palmer and I'm just very proud of my players."

The Lady Mustangs (5-2, 2-0), who are the defending Central Division champions, have swept the season series against the Lady Panthers (2-4, 0-1) the past five years.

Five of Monson's first seven regular season games were played on the road. They went 3-2 in those games. Following the game at Palmer High School, ten of the Lady Mustangs 13 remaining games will be played in the friendly confines of Michael J. Kane Gymnasium.

The last time that Palmer defeated Monson on the hardwood was during the 2012-13 season when they won both games.

"You just have to tip your hat to Monson," said first-year Palmer co-head coach Denise Levasseur. "They played very well against us in tonight's game. We worked very hard in practice the past two days, but we just made a lot of costly mistakes. We just didn't play Palmer basketball tonight."

The Lady Panthers, who had a 2-3 home record following the Monson game, are scheduled to play eight of their remaining 14 games on the road.

"The next couple of weeks will be a learning experience for our players," said Palmer first-year co-head coach Amanda Theriault. "It's going to take us some time to rebuild our basketball program."

Monson junior forward Sydnie Devries posted a double-double against Palmer, which she also achieved in both meetings a year ago. Devries finished last Monday's contest with a team-high 15 points and 14 rebounds.

The Lady Mustangs other three double figures scorers were senior guard Alivia Skowyr, (14 points), seventh grade forward Olivia Chrzan (13 points) and seventh grade guard Tennessee Murphy (11 points), which was her career-high. She scored six points in the first half and five in the second half.

"I'm very proud of Tennessee's performance," Pascale said. "We've been working on her driving to the basket in practice and she made some key baskets for us in tonight's game. It's a very big jump from playing for a sixth grade Suburban League team to the varsity level."

Skowyr was also credited with six rebounds, four steals, and three assists in her final road game against Palmer.

The other two Lady Mustangs seniors are forward Kelsey Duggan (5 points, 10 rebounds) and guard Mia Krupczak (6 points).

The duo of junior guard Madison Cole (10 points) and sophomore guard Maddy Theriault (game-high 17 points) combined to score 27 of the Lady Panthers 39 points. Freshman forward JoJo McTier added six points.

There aren't any seniors listed on the Lady Panthers varsity roster.

McTier, who was a starter, scored four of her points during the

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Panthers sweep series against Ware



Jill Lombardi looks intently at the traffic ahead.

## BASKETBALL

### Pioneers action



Jordan Talbot goes in for a layup.



Alex Bergeron dribbles down the line.



Sam St. Laurent rises above the rest for this jumper.

PALMER — Last Thursday evening, the Pathfinder High School boys basketball faced St. Mary's for the first time in Tri-County League action. The Pioneers have been struggling this season, and have yet to come up with a victory this season.



Madalyn Theriault watches the backboard on this layup.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE—For the second time in 2020, the Palmer girls varsity basketball team celebrated a victory against archrival Ware.

Following an evenly played first half between the two neighboring high schools, the Lady Panthers built a double digit lead five minutes into the third quarter with the help of a 15-2 run. The Lady Indians did battle back and got as close as three points a couple of times during the fourth quarter, but the Lady Panthers hang on for a 58-51 road win, last Saturday afternoon.

"To beat one of our biggest rivals twice in the same season is just a great feeling," said Palmer junior center Kendall Levasseur, who scored a season-high 13 points. "We created a new offense this year and most of our points are scored from inside the paint. This is one of our biggest wins so far this season."

The non-league road victory evened Palmer's overall season record at 4-4 and they've also won the last four meetings on the hardwood against Ware (7-3). The Lady Panthers won the first game of this season by the final score of 43-39, which was held at Palmer High School on January 3.

Sophomore forward Maddy Theriault

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## BASKETBALL

### Warriors grab win over Oxford in league action

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

OXFORD—What a difference a day made for the Tantasqua boys varsity basketball team.

Twenty four hours after losing a heartbreaker at the buzzer, the Warriors squeaked out a 54-49 victory against the Oxford Pirates in a SWCL match-up played at Roger D. Bacon Gymnasium, last Tuesday night, Jan. 14.

"We lost by one-point last night, but we quickly put that one behind us and just focused on tonight's game," said Tantasqua senior center Troy Lee, who scored six of his 10 points during the second half. "We played very well in this game and it's just a great feeling."

Lee, who'll be spending the next eight years serving in the United States Army, is one of the Warriors tri-captains, along with senior forward Griffin Polga and senior guard Ben Doros.

The Warriors made the 30-minute bus ride east on route 20 to Oxford High School after suffering a 36-35 home loss to archrival Shepherd Hill on a last second lay-up the previous night.

"This was a very good win for us, especially after the way we lost last night's game," said Tan-

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## BASKETBALL



Francis Venne tries to hit a layup for the Panthers.



Jacob Mastalerz stops to look for a teammate to pass to.

### Tigers late run sinks Panthers

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—The Palmer Panthers were trailing the South Hadley Tigers by five points with less than six minutes remaining in regulation.

The Tigers closed out the Bi-County East boys basketball game with an impressive 14-1 run en route to a 62-44 victory at Thomas B. Landers Court, last Wednesday night.

"We played very well defensively in the fourth quarter and this is a huge league win for us," said South Hadley senior guard Hunter Carey. "We also made most of our shots at the end of the game and we never gave up."

Carey scored 14 of his team-high 18 points during the second half.

"This was the most points that I've scored in a game so far this season," Carey added. "My career-high is 40 points in a game against Hampshire last year."

Carey was also a key member of the Tigers football team during the past couple of years. He'll be continuing his football career at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (W.P.I.) next year.

"I love playing football and I'm really looking forward to playing at W.P.I., which was my top college choice," Carey said. "It's also a very good engineering school."

Carey's high school basketball team had only played two home games prior to facing Palmer last Wednesday night.

The Tigers had a 7-3 overall record a 1-2 league record following the win against the Panthers. They also had a 2-1 home record.

"Every league game is very important and we're now hoping to win a few games in a row," said South Hadley head coach Dave Dubuc. "We're still a work in progress just like every other high school

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# The week ahead

## Palmer High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 24	Home	Granby 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27	Home	Southwick 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Home	Easthampton 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 24	Away	Ludlow 7 p.m.

Ice Hockey (co-op with Amherst Regional)		
Friday, Jan. 24	Home	Southwick 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Away	South Hadley 8 p.m.

Swimming		
Friday, Jan. 24	Away	Holyoke 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Home	Sci-Tech 4 p.m.

## Monson High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 24	Away	Baystate Acad. 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27	Away	Granby 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 24	Home	Sabis 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Away	Ludlow 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Home	Mt. Everett 7 p.m.

Swimming		
Friday, Jan. 24	Away	Chicopee 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Home	Amherst 4 p.m.

## Pathfinder High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 24	Home	Gateway 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27	Home	Westfield Tech 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 23	Away	PVCA 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling		
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Away	Smith Voke 7 p.m.

# Thompson releases NASCAR schedule

## 46th Annual Icebreaker set for April 4-5

THOMPSON, Conn. -- Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park revealed a six-race NASCAR Weekly Series schedule for the 2020 season on Monday.

The 2020 slate consists of three major staple events, and three more events that will spotlight NASCAR Weekly Series competitors as part of mid-week, Wednesday night specials in the heart of the summer.

The season begins with the 46th annual Icebreaker weekend (April 4-5) and ends with the 58th annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing, with three packed days, October 9-11.

"We are pleased with the amount of support we are receiving from our dedicated race teams and drivers and we ready to go forward with our NASCAR Weekly Series program for the 2020 season," Terry Eames, General Manager of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, said. "We are looking forward to six great events for our dedicated race fans."

Thompson will continue to showcase five NASCAR Weekly Series divisions, starting with the Sunoco Modifieds. The Late Models follow as Division II, while the SK Light Modifieds (Division III), Limited Sportsman (Division IV) and Mini Stocks (Division V) complete the slate.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will headline the Icebreaker week-

end, alongside all five NASCAR Weekly Series divisions. Following the Icebreaker, NASCAR Weekly Series teams return to action for their three, mid-week events on June 3, July 8 and August 5.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns for the annual Bud "King of Beers" 150 on Wednesday, August 19, before crowning their champion and helping to seal Thompson's schedule as part of the 58th annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing, October 9-11.

Prior to the season, Thompson will host a NASCAR Test & Tune for all safe race cars on Saturday, March 21, with a rain date of March 28.

Teams can expect a rules package and additional information soon. For some of the latest news, visit Thompson Speedway on the web, thompsonspeedway.com, and follow the track on social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

2020 NASCAR schedule  
MARCH 21: NASCAR Test & Tune

APRIL 3: Icebreaker Test & Tune

APRIL 4-5: 46th annual Icebreaker

JUNE 3: NASCAR Weekly Series Racing

JULY 8: NASCAR Weekly Series Racing

AUGUST 5: NASCAR Weekly Series Racing

AUGUST 19: NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Bud "King of Beers" 150 + NASCAR Weekly Series Racing

OCTOBER 9-11: 58th Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing

## WARRIORS ■ from page 4

tasqua head coach Scott Dion. "A win like this one should give us a lot more confidence going forward. I thought everyone played very well in tonight's game."

The five-point road victory improved Tantasqua's overall season record at 5-2 and they had a perfect 4-0 league record. The Warriors have now won the last six meetings on the hardwood against the Pirates.

The Warriors were trailing by two points against the Pirates when junior forward Tyler Hall made a jumper from the left corner tying the score at 44-44 with 2:46 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Hall scored 13 of his team-leading 15 points after halftime.

Less than a minute later, sophomore guard Joe Groccia, who scored all 12 of his points during the second half, drilled a 3-pointer from the right wing following a steal giving the Warriors a 47-44 lead.

The duo of Hall and Groccia combined to score the Warriors final 14 points of the game.

The Pirates, who had a 5-3 overall and league record following the loss, tied the score for the final time at 47 when senior guard Justin Freeland made a 3-pointer with 1:35 remaining.

With a little more than a minute showing on the scoreboard clock, the Warriors would retake the lead on an inside hoop by Groccia. Then another 3-pointer by Hall from the top of the key made it 52-47 with 30 seconds left.

"That was a huge shot by Tyler," Dion said. "His 3-pointer made it a two-possession game, which took a little bit of the pressure off of us."

Oxford senior guard Alex Duval, who finished the game with 17 points, was fouled while attempting a three-point shot with 10.7 seconds left. He made two of the three free throws closing the gap to 52-49.

Oxford senior guard Elijah Williams also scored 17 points in the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads.

Groccia sealed the deal by making a pair of free throws with 9.5 seconds remaining.

"We've been in a funk offensively the past couple of games," Dion said. "We finally started to make some shots in the second half. We also had the height advantage, which helped us."

One stat that Dion wasn't very pleased about was his team's foul shooting, especially in the second half. The Warriors only made 5 of 17 shots from the line during the final 16 minutes of the contest.

Tantasqua didn't shoot the ball very well in the first quarter.

An old fashion three-point play by Tantasqua junior forward Deshean Hutchinson (3 points) sliced the Warriors deficit to 6-5 with 3:10 remaining in the opening quarter.

Tantasqua, who was trailing 10-5 at the start of the second quarter, put-together an 8-0 run during the first four minutes of the second quarter.

The Warriors first lead of the game was at 11-10 following an inside hoop by Polga, which were his only points of the first half. He finished the game with nine points.

Hall also made a basket down low before the Pirates scored eight unanswered points and retook the lead at 14-13 with a little more than two minutes remaining in the first half.

The visiting team was trailing 20-15 at the break.

According to Lee, Dion's halftime speech fired the Warriors players up.

"Coach Dion gave us an amazing halftime speech," said Lee, who became a member of the varsity basketball team as a sophomore. "He really pumped us up and it got everyone into the game. We played a lot better during the second half."

With the help of a 16-2 run, Tantasqua built a 31-25 lead five minutes into the third quarter.

The Pirates battled back to tie the score at 31 on a jumper in the lane by Duval with a minute remaining in the third quarter.

Tantasqua held a slim 34-33 lead entering the fourth quarter and they made some big baskets during the final eight minutes of the contest.

# Turleysports

## Athlete of the Week

### Chad Bigos

Palmer High School

Bigos kept Palmer boys basketball in the game last week against South Hadley with a game-high 19 points. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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**Jacob Bollea extends for a shot.**



**Chad Bigos makes his way down the court.**

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basketball team is at the halfway point of the regular season."

The Tigers other two double digit scorers in the first meeting of the regular season against the Panthers were sophomore guard Dylan Cottingham with 11 points and senior guard Brady Marion with 10 points.

Senior forward Nick Cirone added seven points and freshman guard Chase Mathers scored six points off the bench. He made one 3-pointer in each half.

Palmer had a 5-4 overall record and a 1-2 league mark following the road set back against South Hadley. Senior guard Chad Bigos paced the Panthers with a game-high 19 points.

"Chad was a league all-star last year," said Palmer head coach Edward Anderson. "He's a great teammate and is a very good basketball player."

With 5:48 remaining in the fourth quarter, an old fashion three-point play by Palmer sophomore forward Jack Letendre (8 points) closed the gap to 48-43. It also capped off a 7-0 run by the Panthers, who trailed for nearly the entire game.

Three minutes later, the Tigers held a 57-44 advantage following three 3-pointers from Marion, Cottingham, and Mathers.

"We're always looking to take the best shot we can and I think we did that in the fourth quarter," Dubuc said. "We were focused and we hit a couple of 3-pointers in a row, which gave us some separation from them very quickly."

Marion also made a pair of free throws before Carey put the icing on the cake by making another shot

from beyond the arc.

Palmer's only point during the final five minutes of the contest was a made free throw by Letendre.

"We just missed lay-ups and we didn't rebound at the end of the game," Anderson said. "We'll be better prepared when we play them again."

The Panthers only lead of the game was 2-0 following a short jumper by senior guard Tyler Placanco (4 points) less than ten seconds into the first quarter.

The Tigers held a 10-7 advantage at the end of the opening quarter.

South Hadley would put-together a 12-2 run to take a 22-12 lead with 3:20 left in the first half.

A 3-pointer by Cottingham gave the home team its largest lead of the first half at 28-14 with 1:15 remaining.

Then Bigos banked home a 3-pointer from the right side cutting the deficit to 28-17 at intermission.

The Panthers stayed within striking distance during the third quarter.

A lay-up by senior guard Harvey Venne (5 points) with 2:30 left in the third sliced the Panthers deficit to 38-36.

South Hadley responded with a three-point play by Cottingham and an inside hoop by Carey giving them a 43-36 advantage.

The Tigers had a 48-36 advantage a minute into the final quarter following a 3-pointer by junior guard Kyle Johnson (5 points).

The Panthers scored the next seven points before the Tigers made several more 3-pointers down the stretch sealing the home victory.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two league rivals is scheduled to take place at Palmer High School on Feb. 11.



**Saige Youngberg leaps up to grab this pass.**



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com  
**Madison Cole dribbles past the defense.**

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ault led the way offensively for the Lady Panthers in the second meeting against the Lady Indians with 18 points. Junior guard Miyah Mega chipped in with nine points. Junior guard Madison Cole and junior forward Jillian Lombardi both scored six points. Lombardi, who missed most of the season with an injury, returned to action in the Lady Panthers 62-51 win at Sabis the previous night.

"It's just fantastic having Jillian back on the court again," Levasseur said. "We've been missing her tremendously. Having her back has already changed everybody's attitudes and it makes us a much better team."

The leading scorer for Ware was junior guard Aidyn Welsh, who scored 12 of her 18 points during the second half. Welsh scored 19 points in the first meeting of the regular season against Palmer. She's also friends with a couple of the Lady Panthers players.

"Madison Cole and I are friends with Aidyn Welsh," Levasseur said. "We grew up playing basketball against each other in the Suburban League. It's always been a big rivalry in girls basketball just like it is in football."

Junior guard Olivia Vadnais also reached double digits for Ware with 15 points.

Despite suffering another setback against Palmer, Ware head coach Dan Orszulak wasn't disappointed with his team's overall effort.

"We came up a little bit short again against a very good Palmer team," Orszulak said. "Playing against teams like them only makes your team better."

The first eight minutes of the game was very close, as the score was tied four different times.

The score was tied 12-12 with 2:24 left in the first quarter following a made free throw by Ware junior center Audrey LaValley (5 points). Another free throw by junior forward Chelsea Orszulak (4 points) gave the home team a one-point lead heading into the second quarter.

The Lady Panthers began the second stanza with a 9-2 run. A lay-up by Theriault gave her team a 21-14 advantage with 2:47 left in the first half.

Ware answered right back with a 9-0 run of their own.

The Lady Indians took the lead for the first time since the first quarter at 23-21 following a put-back hoop by Chelsea Orszulak with 41 seconds left in the opening half.

The score was tied 25-25 at halftime.

The Lady Panthers began the third quarter with a 15-2 run. They built a 38-27 advantage following two made free throws by Cole with three minutes remaining in the quarter.

"We came out and played very well at the start of the second half," Kendall Levasseur said. "Then they made it very close again in the fourth quarter."

Lombardi, Levasseur and eighth grade guard Saige Youngberg (5 points) also scored points during the Lady Panthers third quarter run.

Both teams traded baskets the rest of the quarter and Palmer held a 10-point lead (45-35) entering the final eight minutes of the contest.

With 5:31 left in regulation, Vadnais made two free throws closing the gap to 46-43.

A Welsh jumper made it 50-47 with 2:26 left in regulation.

"We were able to get it down to three points a couple of times, but we just couldn't get over the hump," coach Orszulak said. "We did play very hard in today's game."

The Lady Indians wouldn't get any closer than that, as the Lady Panthers made six free throws down the stretch.

Because neither team has any seniors, the same group of players will be battling against each other on the hardwood once again next winter.

Both teams are also hoping to win enough games to qualify for the Western Mass. tournament at the end of February. The Lady Panthers are a Division 3 team, while the Lady Indians are in Division 4.



DEATH NOTICES

**Kapsia, Donna L. (Graybill)**  
Died Jan. 16, 2020  
Celebration of Life in the spring  
Lombard Funeral Home  
Monson

**Meurisse, Walter**  
Died Dec. 16, 2019  
Services were Dec. 20, 2019  
Santa Barbara Cemetery  
Santa Barbara, California

**Tessier, Clothilde E.**  
Died Jan. 14, 2020  
Funeral arrangements will be private  
Dery Funeral Home  
Pittsfield

**Wilk, Martin M.**  
Died Jan. 18, 2020  
There will be no services  
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home  
Palmer

**Lincoln, Marie (Deitner)**  
Died Dec. 29, 2019  
Funeral Services Jan. 25, 2020  
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home  
Palmer

**Robertshaw, Norman L.**  
Died Jan. 19, 2020  
Celebration of Life Jan. 24, 2020  
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home  
Palmer

**Wilcox, M. Lois DeLand (Clark)**  
Died Jan. 16, 2020  
Funeral Services Jan. 22, 2020  
Lombard Funeral Home  
Monson

O B I T U A R I E S

Donna L. Kapsia

MONSON – Donna L. (Graybill) Kapsia, 68, passed away Jan. 16, 2020, surrounded by the love of family and friends. Donna was born Sept. 8, 1951 in York, Pennsylvania, to the late Stanley M. and Helen L. (Holland) Graybill.

She was a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and later continued her education to become a registered nurse. She retired from Wing Memorial Hospital after many years of service. She was a beloved nurse, admired and respected by all her patients, doctors and staff. Donna loved her animals and the farm she shared with them.

She also had a love of antiques and shared that passion with her husband, Frank Kapsia, of Wintergarden Auction, of Monson. Donna leaves her husband, Frank G. Kapsia; three brothers, James Graybill and his wife, Diane, of Battle Ground, Washington, Phillip Graybill and his wife, Delores, of Dover, Pennsylvania, Lonnie Graybill, of York, Pennsylvania, as well as many friends and her dogs, “Peaches” and “Champion.” In addition, Donna was prede-



ceased by her sister-in-law, Nan Graybill, in November 2019.

Donna’s arrangements have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home, of Monson. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to D’Amour Center for Cancer Care, 280 Chestnut St., 6th FL, Springfield, MA 01199.

For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com)

Eileen Lincoln

NORTH PORT, FLORIDA – Marie “Eileen” (Deitner) Lincoln, 87 of North Port Florida, passed away in her sleep on Dec. 29, 2019 in Port Charlotte, Florida. Eileen was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1932, daughter of Benjamin Joseph Deitner and Brigid Mary Doyle.

She grew up in Belchertown and Springfield, Massachusetts. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School, following with a teaching degree from Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, Massachusetts. In her professional life she was a schoolteacher for over 40 years, teaching all over the country, including Springfield, Massachusetts, Carmel, California, Delaware, Ohio and Swampscott, Massachusetts. She really enjoyed her time with the students.

Eileen was the mother of seven children, the first five being boys. Michael was the first, born in Massachusetts. Danny and Timmy were born in California where the family moved when her husband Charlie enlist-

ed in the Army. Bryan followed after the growing family moved to New York. Patrick, Kathy and Chrissy were born in Ohio, where the family lived for 10 years. This was followed by residences in Illinois, back to Massachusetts, and final a retirement home in North Port, Florida.

Besides her parents, Eileen was preceded in death by her former husband, Arthur Charles (2018), two sisters, Margot Sullivan and Connie Benson, and her third son, Bryan Lincoln. She leaves behind one brother, Thomas Deitner, six children, Michael Lincoln, of Massachusetts, Danny Lincoln and wife, Karen, of Lake Villa, Illinois, their children, Katie Lincoln Dollar, Matt Lincoln and Sarah Lincoln Sprengel, great-grandchildren Elliana and Bradon Sprengel; Timmy Lincoln and his wife, Laura Mudd, of Miami Florida, their children Gabe and



Angelina; Patrick Lincoln and wife, Kathleen, of Sarasota, Florida; Kathleen Lincoln Miera, of Las Vegas, Nevada, her children Randy Greenhouse, Kris Greenhouse and Danielle Miera; and Chrissy Murphy, and her husband, Chris, of Marietta, Georgia, and their children, Ryan and Sydney Murphy.

She lived a full life and will be greatly missed. Family and Friends may gather at Beers and Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 N. Main St, Palmer, Massachusetts, on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Church in Palmer, Massachusetts. Burial will be in the spring in St Thomas Cemetery in Palmer, Massachusetts.

Donations can be made in her memory to the VFW.

For more information, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

Norman L. Robertshaw

PALMER – Norman L. Robertshaw, 88, passed away peacefully at his home on Jan. 19, 2020, with his loving family by his side. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Oct. 27, 1931, he was the son of Leslie and Ezilda (Brodeur) Robertshaw.

Norman proudly served his country as a Airman First Class in the United States Air Force. He was a longtime employee of the former Monsanto Chemical Company, and from which he had enjoyed a full and happy retirement. The most important thing to Norman was his family and friends. He also enjoyed traveling to many different plac-

es with his wife, Ethel. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 65 years, Ethel (Marritt) Robertshaw, and their two children, Doreen E. Leduc, of Ware, and Eric and his wife, Ann, of Palmer. He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Ashley E. Dobie, Jason R. Couse, Amanda Robertshaw, Krystal A. Putnam and Brett Robertshaw, as well as six great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Doreen A. Robertshaw, and grandson, Chase N. Leduc.



Calling hours will be held Thursday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. A celebration of Norman’s life will be on Friday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 North Main St. in Palmer. Burial will follow in Four Cor-

ners Cemetery, at 4250 Main St. Three Rivers.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

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first minute of the opening quarter on a lay-up and an inside hoop.

With the score tied at 4-4, the Lady Mustangs outscored the Lady Panthers, 11-3 during the final seven minutes of the first quarter.

Duggan began the Lady Mustangs run by hitting a runner in the lane. Devries, Chrzan, and Skowrya made field goals in the middle of the quarter. An old fashion three-point play by Devries gave the visitors a 15-7 advantage with a little more than a minute remaining in the first quarter.

Theriault scored the Lady Panthers other three points in the first eight minutes of the contest.

Skowrya began the second quarter by sinking a 3-pointer from the top of the key. She also made a free throw before Devries capped off the 18-3 Monson run with a free throw and a fast-break lay-up,

which increased the lead to 22-7.

“We switched our defense in the first half, which sparked the offense,” Pascale said. “Palmer is a well-coached team and we were waiting for them to make a run against us, but it never came.”

With 3:48 remaining in the first half, Cole made a pair of free throws closing the gap to 23-12. The Lady Panthers weren’t able to get any closer than that, as the Lady Mustangs closed out the half with a 9-3 run and they took a 32-15 lead into the locker room.

Only three players scored for Palmer during the first half led by Theriault with seven points. She scored ten points in the second half.

Devries, who scored 12 first half points, sat on the bench for most of the second half

after picking up her fourth personal foul three minutes into the third quarter.

The Lady Mustangs managed to push their lead over 20 points a couple of times in the third quarter. They entered the final eight minutes of the game holding a commanding 48-31 lead and they never looked back.

Monson outscored Palmer 13-3 during the final six minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Lady Panthers will be looking to snap their long losing streak against the Lady Mustangs when they make the short trip to Monson High School on January 31.

O B I T U A R I E S

Walter Meurisse

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA – Walter Meurisse, 83, a native of Monson, passed away on Dec. 16, in Santa Barbara, California. Born on Feb. 17, 1936, he was the son of the late James and Alice Meurisse, of Monson.

In 1958, he was inducted into the United States Army and served a tour of duty in Germany. Upon returning to Monson, he soon left for the West where he resided in Colorado for a few years and

worked as a machinist and truck driver. He eventually moved further West and settled in Santa Barbara, where he worked for Santa Barbara County as a heavy equipment operator for many years.

Walter enjoyed spending time relaxing with friends at East Beach in Santa Barbara, and in his retirement did so almost daily until recently when his health began to fail. When he was not at the beach, he spent his spare time

exploring the West in his camper van and attending country music festivals.

Besides his parents, Walter was predeceased by his brothers, Michael and Robert. He leaves his brothers, James and David, of Monson, and his sister, Joan Smola, of Hadley.

He was laid to rest on Dec. 20 in Santa Barbara Cemetery just a short distance from the beach he loved.

Clothilde E. Tessier

PITTSFIELD – Miss Clothilde E. Tessier of Pittsfield, passed away on Jan. 14, 2020, to be with her parents who are now all resting in the eternal care of our Lord.

Clothilde was born on Nov. 3, 1929, to a loving, close-knit French-Canadian family, the 14th of 15 children in Holyoke. Her parents were Ernest Tessier and Amabilis (Durhaime)Tessier, both hailing originally from the province of Quebec, Canada.

Clothilde was educated in Holyoke and then began private academic tutelage under the guidance of her sister, Sr. Sainte Marie-Des-Victoires (formerly Francoise Tessier) from the order of the Presentation of Mary. All things French were important to Clothilde, the language, the literature and the music. Clothilde sang in the convent’s church choir for many years, songs which she happily shared with the citizens of Pittsfield upon request.

Casually known as the Queen of Pittsfield, Clothilde

lived most of her adult life in the Pittsfield area. She enjoyed her time at the Pittsfield Senior Center sharing her love of the French language with her many friends. Her daily routine was very regular and everyone she encountered on a weekly basis delighted in her unending good cheer and zeal for life.

Clothilde leaves her sister, Monica Tessier Graveline, of Palmer., two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Rita Tessier and Mrs. Pat Tessier, both of Springfield, as well as many nieces and nephews. Clothilde fondly remembered her many summer vacations with her late brother, Steve (Etienne)Tessier, and his wife, Rita.

Clothilde’s enjoyed her home in Pittsfield where the resident staff formed a loving environment for her along with her housemates whom Clothilde insisted on caring for herself, too. Known as “Tessie” to all in



Pittsfield, Clothilde was especially close to her Friday companion, Emiliene, her friend of 30 years, Irene, her counselor, Pamela, her driver, Robert, and her dedicated House Supervisor, Zoe, who provided Clothilde with stability and security for which Clothilde’s family is most grateful. Lastly, recent House Mother, Gretchen, and Nurse Tracy, of Berkshire Hospice, thoughtfully provided Clothilde with her final care.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Dery Funeral Home of Pittsfield. A private graveside burial service will be held in the Palmer cemetery where Clothilde will be laid to rest with her Graveline-Tessier family.

Donations in Clothilde’s name and spirit can be made to the French Institute c/o Assumption College. For additional information here, please visit [www.DeryFuneralHome.com](http://www.DeryFuneralHome.com).

M. Lois DeLand Wilcox

MONSON/SPRINGFIELD – M. Lois DeLand Wilcox, 97, passed away surrounded by love of family, Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, in Springfield. Lois was born July 28, 1922, in Palmer, to the late Marshall and Mildred (Hollingworth) Clark.

Lois grew up in Palmer and was a graduate of Palmer High School. She was a resident of Monson for many years before moving to Wellington Assisted Living in Springfield. Lois retired from Monson Developmental Center in 1993. Lois was a member of the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, Revere Chapter of Eastern Star in Palmer, the Women’s Club at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, Monson and Palmer Senior Center. She loved crocheting and often crocheted hats

for newborn babies.

Lois was predeceased by her first husband, George H. DeLand, in 1978, her second husband, Albert T. Wilcox, in 2011; son, Robert DeLand, and sister, Jean Abbott, in 2018. Lois leaves her sons, Alan DeLand and his wife, Carol, of Monson, Mark DeLand and his wife, Sandra, of Rochester, New Hampshire, and Robin DeLand and his wife, Rose, of Monson; her daughters, Darleen Brouthers, of Monson, Alana Nolan and her husband, Timothy, of Palmer, Allison Romaniak, of Three Rivers, and daughter-in-law, Andree` Charest, of Springfield; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three



great-great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday Jan. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., in Monson. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with burial to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA, 01701, or to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 9628, Washington, D.C., 20077.

For online condolences/directions please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

Martin M. Wilk



PALMER – Martin M. Wilk, 89, died at his home on Saturday, Jan. 18, with his family by his side. He was born in Palmer and has resided here his entire life.

He worked for many years at the former American Athletic Co. He loved his gardens, hunting and fishing, and cherished time with his family. He will be forever missed by his wife of 67 years, Dorothy (Brown), along with

their daughter, Marlene Gelinas, and her husband, Larry, of Monson. He also leaves behind his grandson, Jason, and his wife, Stacey, grandsons, Heath and Nathaniel.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Audrey Hamner, along with four brothers and six sisters.

There are will be no services and Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

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# Public Notices

(SEAL)  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 003204 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:**  
**Scott A. Beauvais; Aimee L. Beauvais**  
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):  
**U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015A+**  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Palmer, numbered 11 Saint John Street, given by Scott A. Beauvais and Aimee L. Beauvais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homeland Mortgage Company, dated December 2, 2004, recorded or filed at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14686, Page 235, as affected by a Judgment and Order dated April 7, 2015 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 20669, Page 312, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.  
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **February 17, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.  
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 3, 2020.  
Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder  
1/23/2020

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **JEANETTE L. DRISCOLL** to **SOUTHBIDGE SAVINGS BANK** dated December 15, 2008 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 17580, Page 387 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020** at the mortgaged premises located on or near 55 Leno Road, Holland, Massachusetts (the "Premises"), all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:  
"The land with the buildings thereon in Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts on the northerly side of Lead Mine Road, sometimes called Leno Road, bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the corner of the stone wall on the northerly side of the Lead Mine Road, said pin being the South East corner of the "Morse Lot", so-called;  
THENCE North 63° 74' W. along the Lead Mine Road for a distance of 403.28 feet to an iron pin set in the stone wall;  
THENCE N. 45° 23' E. along land formerly of Stanton L. & Gladys D. Bradley a distance of 520.10 feet to an iron pin at the side of the old wood road leading from the Lead Mine Road in a northerly direction to land formerly of Stanton L. & Gladys D. Bradley;  
THENCE S. 62° 54' E. 143.72 feet to an iron pin in the stone wall, which is the line wall between the aforementioned Morse lot and land formerly of Georgiana A. Dupuis, sometimes called

the Ratigan Place;  
THENCE S. 15° 24' W. along the line wall a distance of 453.91 feet to a drill hole in a large stone at an angle of the line wall;  
THENCE S. 20° 50' W. along the line wall a distance of 46.09 feet to an iron pin at the corner of the wall at the side of Lead Mine Road, which pin is the point of beginning.  
BEING an area of 3.06 acres, more or less, as designated on a map by Theodore P. Drazek, Registered Land Surveyor, North Brookfield, Mass., dated September 22, 1964.  
Subject to easements for poles and wires across the southwest corner of the premises.  
Subject to a right of way over the herein mentioned old wood road from the Lead Mine Road to land northerly of the herein described premises.  
Subject to restrictions of record.  
BEING the same premises conveyed to Jeanette L. Driscoll by deed from Devon T. Driscoll and Jeanette L. Driscoll dated October 27, 2008 and recorded immediately prior hereto in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17580, page 384."  
The description of the Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.  
The Premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, non-refundable, is to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.  
The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.  
In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the Premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the Premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the Premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.  
Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.  
**CORNERSTONE BANK**, successor by merger to Southbridge Savings Bank  
Present holder of said Mortgage  
Jennifer L. Conrad, Esq. SEDER & CHANDLER, LLP  
339 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 757-7721  
Attorneys for the Mortgagee  
**FRANCIS J. TRAPASSO & ASSOCIATES**  
47 Harvard Street Worcester, MA 01609 (508) 798-0287  
Auctioneer, License No. 252 1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL) Case No. 19 SM 006370 ORDER OF NOTICE To: Scott Duncan and Joanna Duncan;**  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C., c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq.*):  
**USAlliance Federal Credit Union**  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Brimfield, numbered 14 Paige Hill Road given by Scott Duncan to USAlliance Federal Credit Union dated April 25, 2005, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14966, Page 401  
has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.  
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **FEB 24, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.  
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on JAN 09 2020  
Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder  
1/23/2020

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
Premises: 1 8 4 Bumstead Road, Monson, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Caleb A. Giard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, said mortgage dated August 29, 2017, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21834 at Page 352 and now held by The Money Source Inc. by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust to The Money Source Inc., dated June 20, 2019 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22741, Page 32 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
A certain parcel of land on the easterly side of Bumstead Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known and designated as Lot #6, on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots 4-10 for Karl Piepho, scale 1"-80", Pharmed Engineering Corporation, January 13, 1975, Holyoke, Mass.," which plan is recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 155, page 122, more particularly bounded as follows: Westerly by Bumstead Road, two hundred and 00/100(200.00) feet; Northerly by Lot No. Five (5) as shown on said plan, two hundred fifty and 00/100 (250.00) feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Karl Piepho, two hundred and 00/100 (200.00) feet; and Southerly by Lot No. Seven (7) as shown on said plan, two hundred fifty and 00/100 (250.00) feet; containing 50,000 square feet of land. Subject to spring rights mentioned in a deed from Paul A. Meurisse to James E. Meurisse et ux dated October 2, 1937, and recorded as aforesaid in Book

1644, Page 583, insofar as such rights may be in force and affect the granted premises. For title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of deeds immediately herewith.  
The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.  
For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 26, 2017, and recorded in Book 21834 at Page 350 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.  
**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**  
**BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC**  
270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for The Money Source Inc.  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868  
1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

(SEAL)  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000096 ORDER OF NOTICE To: Danica Griswold Jesse Griswold**  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):  
**Flagstar Bank, FSB**  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, numbered 19 Chestnut Street, given by Danica Griswold and Jesse Griswold to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Radius Financial Group Inc., dated January 2, 2018, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22013, Page 278, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.  
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **February 24, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.  
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 8, 2020.  
Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder  
1/23/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Public Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main St. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the removal and proper disposal of asbestos containing materials along approximately 82-LF of stream line located proximal and extending from the State Hospital Rd. bridge, Monson Developmental Center. Portions of the work are within bank, riverfront area and buffer zone. Jason Kruckas of Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance filed the notice.  
Monson Conservation Commission  
1/23/2020

**PALMER LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Palmer Local Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on **February 3, 2020 at 6:45 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from OJSL Spirits, LLC, under MGL C 138 §15 for a NEW OFF-Premises Wine and Malt Beverages License located at 1178 Thorndike Street, Palmer, MA.  
Any persons interested in being heard should appear at the time and place above stated.  
1/23/2020

**PALMER LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Palmer Local Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on **February 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from Pride Stores LLC, under MGL C 138 §15 for a NEW OFF-Premises Wine and Malt Beverages License located at 1043 Thorndike Street, Palmer, MA.  
Any persons interested in being heard should appear at the time and place above stated.  
1/23/2020

**Town of Palmer Community Development Block Grant Request for Proposals for Public Social Services**  
The Town of Palmer, through its Community Development Office, is seeking proposals from qualified public social service providers that are in need of funding assistance. Proposals may be included as part of the Town's application for funding through Community Development Block Grant program in FY 20 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Eligible activities must help to build economic security and self-sufficiency. Programs must be related to domestic violence services, job-related transportation assistance, or substance abuse services. The proposed program must serve residents of Palmer and serve predominately low to moderate income people.  
Funding may not be requested for a program that is already funded by a state or federal agency, or is already available to residents of Palmer. The Town may choose to fund all, any, or none of the proposals submitted. The funding amount requested may be adjusted to fit within the grant budget. The Town may request up to \$165,000 for up to five social service projects in the FY 20 grant application.  
If a proposal is selected to be included in the FY 20 CDBG grant application, additional information will be required in order to complete the grant application. It is anticipated that the period of performance will be 12 to 14 months, likely from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. These time frames are subject to change.  
Proposals must be submitted to the Palmer Community Development Office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 by Monday, February 10, 2019 at 11:00 AM. The full Request for Proposals is available at [www.townofpalmer.com](http://www.townofpalmer.com) or by contacting the Community Development Office at [sszezebak@townofpalmer.com](mailto:sszezebak@townofpalmer.com).  
1/16, 1/23/2020

**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Zoe**

**Ann Riley and Kenneth E. Riley** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated August 20, 2008 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17440, Page 48 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on November 18, 2014 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 20503, Page 120, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Incorporated, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 19128, Page 102 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **3:00 PM on February 6, 2020** at 129 Stafford Road, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land and buildings in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Lot A as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Monson, MA prepared for John G. & Louis E. Costello" dated October 8, 2004, Minuteman Engineering, West Brookfield, MA and recorded in the Hampden District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 336, Plan 123. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed recorded herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.  
**TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**  
**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANDS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
19-008310  
1/16, 1/23, 1/30/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE PALMER TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Palmer Town Council will hold a public hearing on **February 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM** in the Palmer Administration Building, 4417 Main St. Palmer on proposed Ordinance 2020-02, adding an amendment to CHAPTER 106 LICENSES AND PERMITS. Sections 37 and 38 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, the Municipal Modernization Act, amended the statute to provide significant additional flexibility to cities and towns. Previously, permits and licenses could be denied or revoked only if taxes or other charges were unpaid "for not less than a twelve - month period," greatly limiting a municipality's ability to require applicants to be current on such obligations. The 2016 revisions eliminated the twelve - month waiting period and further allow the municipal treasurer to periodically, rather than annually, certify to permitting or licensing authorities the names of persons, corporations or business enterprises that have outstanding unpaid taxes or other charges. This amendment eliminates the waiting period and adds the tax Collector may also periodically furnish updated lists to departments who issue licenses and permits.  
Anyone wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated above.  
**Palmer Town Council**  
1/23, 1/30/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Carl R. Young and Jerome E. Wayson** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated November 30, 2004 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14663, Page 132 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust 2017-1 is the present holder by Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated February 11, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20412, Page 508, and Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SROF-2013-S3 REMIC Trust II dated September 23, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20436, Page 594, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SROF-2013-S3 REMIC Trust II to USROF III Legal Title Trust 2015-1, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee dated July 27, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20803, Page 539, and Assignment from USROF III Legal Title Trust 2015-1, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC dated September 19, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21385, Page 319, and Assignment from FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for WV 2017-1 Grantor Trust dated July 31, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21811, Page 53, and Assignment from FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to WF Master REO, LLC dated August 30, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21842, Page 187, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for WV 2017-1 Grantor Trust to WF Master REO, LLC dated December 5, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22513, Page 449, and Assignment from WV 2017-1 Grantor Trust to Cascade Funding LP, Series 1 dated October 5, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22007, Page 317, and Assignment from Cascade Funding, LP, Series 1 to Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust 2017-1 dated October 5, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22007, Page 319, and Assignment from Cascade Funding, LP, Series 1 to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust 2017-1 dated April 3, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22612, Page 523, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings

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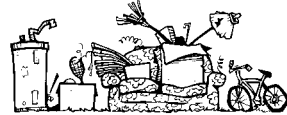
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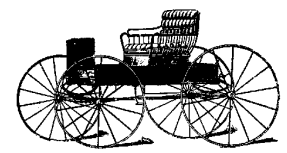
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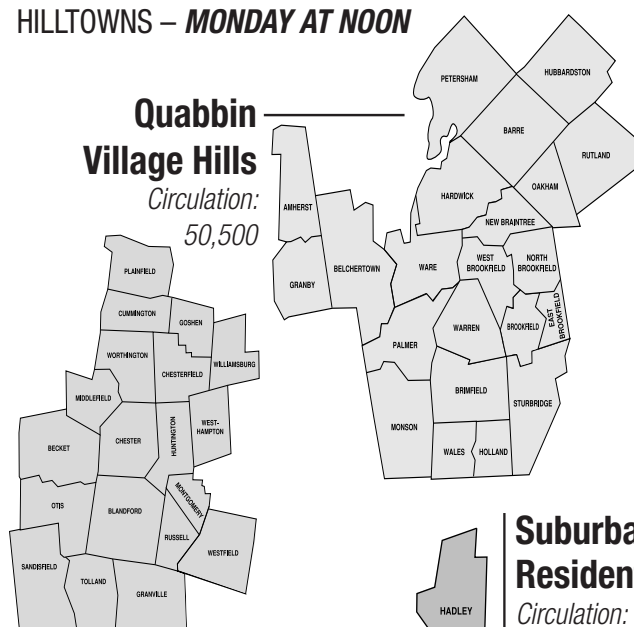


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Have a church listing for the Palmer, Monson, Wales, Brimfield, and Holland area published here, please send the information to: The Journal Register, Attn. Douglas Farmer, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069; or by e-mail at [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com).

**WALES BAPTIST CHURCH** located at 23 Main St., Wales Will have music by the Praise and Worship Group on Sundays from 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday service is at 10 a.m., Bible studies are held on Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study is Tuesday at 10 a.m. A St. Patrick's Day Croned Beef Dinner will be Saturday, March 16 at 4 p.m. A Strawberry Music Missions Festival is held in June and the Annual Share Fair is Oct. 5, 2019.

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH,** located at the former Sts. Peter & Paul Church on Main Street in Three Rivers offers Holy Mass on these days and times. The Lord's Day: Saturday Vigils at 4 and 5:15 p.m.; Sunday at 8 a.m. (in Polish) and 9:30 a.m.; Daily Masses (except Tuesday) at 8 a.m.; Tuesday preceded by Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Czestochowa Novena at 5:30 p.m.; Holy days at 8 a.m. and either 5:30 or 7 p.m.; Seasonal Devotions in Lent, May and October. Pastor is Rev. Stefan Niemczyk, and Permanent Deacon is Rev. Mr. John Fox.

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,** 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer, welcomes believers, seekers, and visitors. Traditional, friendly Sunday services at 10 a.m. value every participant, featuring varied musical offerings and meaningful messages relevant to today's world. We seek participation of children in our services and Sunday School, with Child Care also available. Fellowship Times after each service offer delicious snacks with opportunities to chat with others. Videotaped recordings on Sundays available at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Cable Channel 15. Discover some true values in our Thrift Shop (Fri/Sat, 10-2). Contact us at 283-5206, [secondchurchpalmer.org](http://secondchurchpalmer.org), Palmer UCC Church on Facebook, or [second.church@verizon.net](mailto:second.church@verizon.net). Visit occasionally or find your spiritual home – your choice!

**ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** at 22 Green St. in Monson will hold Masses on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m., Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. and St. Peregrine Novena on Fridays at 7 p.m. Also recently added is Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 3 p.m. Pastor is Fr. John J. Brennan. For more information call 267-3622 or visit [stpatrickmonson.org](http://stpatrickmonson.org).

**GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH** has moved to Monson, at 125 Main St. (back of Norcross House). Services will be held on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m., with a children's church lesson during the 11 a.m. service. Food and fellowship follow the service. On Wednesday night, there will be a prayer

and worship service at 6 p.m. The Grace Cafe Open Mic Night will be held the last Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Contact Pastor Larry Desreuisseau with questions at 413-559-1618.

**NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH** at 29 Church St. in Thorndike (across from the post office) would like to invite you to their regular services: Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church are held at 11 a.m. (A nursery is provided for all services). For more info, call the Rev. William Webb at 283-5130.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,** 20 Main St., P.O. Box 203, Brimfield hosts weekly worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Dawn Adams. A free community breakfast is offered before services at 9:30 a.m. and coffee hour follows worship. For more information on the church, services and activities, call 413-245-7162, or visit [www.brimfielducc.org](http://www.brimfielducc.org).

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH,** at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets in Ware, will hold regular worship services each Sunday at 10 a.m. with church school for children at 9:15 a.m. For more information call Rev. Mary Rosendale at 413-967-6100.

**CROSSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** at 2230 Main St., Three Rivers, holds a relevant, doctrinally sound and friendly place of worship for the entire family with Pastors Dennis and Heather Marais. Sunday Services at 10 a.m. and Children's Church at 10 a.m. Lunch is served after the Sunday service. Join us for E.P.I.C. (Endless Possibilities In Christ), every first and third Friday of the month. The doors are open for all youth, ages 12 to 18 or sixth to 12th grade. The youth zone will offer a variety of free play areas and group gaming, including air hockey, ping pong, corn hole and craft zone, as well as a group message from the Word of God. For more info, call 413-297-5488, email [crosswayusa@comcast.net](mailto:crosswayusa@comcast.net) or visit [www.facebook.com/crosswaypalmer](http://www.facebook.com/crosswaypalmer) or [www.TheCrossway.org](http://www.TheCrossway.org).

**ST. CHRISTOPHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** at 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield holds Masses on Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, with the Miraculous Medal Novena and Adoration following Wednesday's Mass. Pastor is Father John "Jack" J. Brennan who is also the pastor for St. Patrick's in Monson. For more information call 413-245-7274 or email [stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com](mailto:stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com).

**MONSON-GLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** at the corner of Main & Cushman streets in Monson invites you to worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Child Care is provided. Sunday School from preschool through senior high begins at 9:45 a.m. To learn more, contact the Rev. Ira Cameron at 267-3798 or email

[m-gumc@verizon.net](mailto:m-gumc@verizon.net) or visit [umcmg.org](http://umcmg.org).

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH** at 251 Shearer St. in Palmer invites the public to the following weekly services: Sunday morning Bible school at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Grow Ministry at 6:30 p.m. Child care is provided during all services as well as children's church for age 4 to 10 during Sunday morning services. Services may be seen Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on cable TV channel 15 as well as a program titled "Reflections" at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A radio broadcast, "Melodies of Faith," airs over WARE 1250 AM each Sunday morning at 7:05 a.m. For more information, call 283-7560 or visit [faithbaptistchurchpalmer.com](http://faithbaptistchurchpalmer.com).

**ST. PAUL'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH** at the corner of Park and Central streets in Palmer has welcomed Rev. Rae Perteet and his wife Kimberly. The church invites you every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for worship services. A time of fellowship and refreshments follows the service at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Funday School for children ages 4 to 11 will be held at 10 a.m. Come as you are an join the free flow of ideas and ideals that is Unitarian Universalism. There is a place for you here. For more information call 413-283-8185 or email [stpaulsuuchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsuuchurch@gmail.com) or visit [www.uuchurch-palmer.org](http://www.uuchurch-palmer.org) or on Facebook at "St. Paul's Unitarian Universalist Church of Palmer."

**THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF MONSON** located at 177 Main St., Monson holds services on Sundays at 10 a.m., starting on the first Sunday after Labor Day through the third Sunday in June. Guest ministers and lay leaders lead services. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship after services. Unitarian Universalism nurtures those of widely different beliefs to pursue beloved community and a world where all people experience dignity and worth. For more information, visit [uupm.org](http://uupm.org).

**THE FIRST CHURCH OF MONSON,** Congregational/United Church of Christ, at 5 High St. in Monson invites you to regular worship services which are held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. A free breakfast is served each Sunday from 8 to 9:45 a.m. from mid-September to mid-June (donations are accepted but not required). Everyone is welcome. Sunday School and nursery care are offered during worship from the second Sunday in September through mid-June. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. For more information, please call 413-267-3312, visit [www.firstchurchmonson.org](http://www.firstchurchmonson.org), email [office@firstchurchmonson.org](mailto:office@firstchurchmonson.org), find the church on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/firstchurchmonson](http://www.facebook.com/firstchurchmonson).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH** located at 1076 Thorndike

Ma. Fr. Richard M. Turner, Pastor Tel. 283-5091, email: [sttompal@comcast.net](mailto:sttompal@comcast.net). Masses are: Mon through Fri. @ 9:00 am, Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8:30am and 11:00am. Holydays @ 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm-4:10 pm or by appointment. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays. 9:30 am to 1pm. Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesdays @9:30 am. Every 2nd Saturday of the Month a Parish Family and Friends homemade dinner is served at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm all in our community are invited to please join us, free will donations are accepted and appreciated.**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,** at 1050 Thorndike St., Palmer invites the community each Sunday at 10 a.m. for atime of worship, fellowship and prayer. There is Bible Study every Thursday at the church at 2 p.m. For more information contact the church at 413-289-6464 or [2ndbaptistchurch@comcast.net](mailto:2ndbaptistchurch@comcast.net).

**BETHANY CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC CHURCH** at 167 Dunhamtown Road in Brimfield ([www.bethanyccc.org](http://www.bethanyccc.org)). Masses are Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m., followed by night prayer. Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. For more information or to speak to a member of the clergy call 413-324-1164 and leave a message. Come join us in worship of our great and loving God.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH,** 9 East Brimfield/Holland Road, Brimfield offers Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., with Sunday Bible study at 9:45 a.m., and Wednesday evening prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Small group bible studies, youth and children activities available. Call Pastor Dave Pettis at 413-245-1275 or visit [www.friendshipma.com](http://www.friendshipma.com), if interested in more information.

**HOLLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** at 11 Sturbridge Road has two morning worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. We also gather every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for men's and women's Bible studies, prayer services, youth group and Kids for Christ ministries. We offer nursery care for all our services. Call the church office for more information at 413-245-9926 or visit the Web site at [www.HollandChurch.org](http://www.HollandChurch.org).

**QUABBIN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** at 258 Malboeuf Road, Ware offers services on Sundays including adult prayer at 9 a.m., adult Bible study and children's Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. There is also women's Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The church is one where the Bible and church are real and relevant, with sincere Christian fellowship, practical Bible teaching and personable leadership. For more information, call 413-668-7041, e-mail [quabbinvalleybaptist@gmail.com](mailto:quabbinvalleybaptist@gmail.com) or visit [www.quabbinvalley-baptist.com](http://www.quabbinvalley-baptist.com).

# Public Notices

## LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Public Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main St. Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with the proposed construction of a SFH located on lot 6 Main Street is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. A majority of the parcel is within the riparian zone of a tributary to Chicopee Brook. Four Seasons Realty Development, LLC filed the request.

Monson Conservation Commission  
1/23/2020

## TOWN OF MONSON LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Monson will hold a public hearing for a change of manager to Michael Butler for Monson Markets, Inc. d/b/a Adam's Discount Liquors, 115 Main Street.

The hearing will be held in the Meeting Room in 110 Main Street, in the Town Office Building at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.**

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should appear at that time and be heard.

Monson Board of Selectmen  
Licensing Authority

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## NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for The Journal Register, please email [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com).



# Community CALENDAR

E-mail items to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com) or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

## NOW

### INTERESTED IN QUILTING?

The Quabog Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

**CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP** at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB** has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

**DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M.** located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

**RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT** now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

**MONSON WOODWACKERS** wood carving club will meet every Thursday at Memorial Hall, 198 Main St., Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

**STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS** will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

**PALMER SALVATION ARMY** Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

**MONSON SALVATION ARMY** Service Extension Unit offers residents in Monson and bordering towns emergency assistance on a periodic basis including funds for fuel and utilities, food, clothing, diapers, furniture and prescriptions. Clients can meet the second Monday of each month (if that date falls on a holiday, it will be the following week) from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. To schedule an appointment, call 267-4121 so you know what documentation to bring.

**BOOKSTORE** at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

**MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF** at the

Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON.** The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

**GAME NIGHT** will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 (2019) and Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 (2020) from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8’s, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

**MAKE A DONATION** to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 25

**PURSE BINGO** The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club will host a Purse Bingo event on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor St. Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of eight and includes eight cards for 17 games of bingo – and chances to win over 20 designer purses. The prizes include bags by Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and others. This event is for adults 21 and over. A cash bar will be available, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.ludlowbgc.org](http://www.ludlowbgc.org).

**FREE MOVIE** The movie, “Plastic Planet” will be shown on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 177 Main St. The film is free and will be followed by discussion and refreshments. This is a must-see film. Every person on the planet, even in the Arctic, allegedly has plastic in his blood. It affects peoples’ health, reproduction and longevity. Many sea animals, turtles, whales and other animals have died due to excessive plastic in their stomachs. For more info call Malita at 413-596-9075.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 30

**SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS** Edward Jones will answer questions about social security on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 5:30 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 N. Main St. in Palmer. There will be a presentation that includes how Social Security fits into peoples’ retirement income plans, when to take benefits and information regarding taxes. Those who would like to attend are asked to please call 413-289-1875 by Jan. 23.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 22

**TURKEY DINNER** The Palmer Lions Club will hold a turkey dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., in Plamer. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children six and under. For tickets call 413-283-5782.

## ONGOING

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** - Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? “Christianity Explored” is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-267-5025.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the previous day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Plarning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

**KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM** is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email [khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org](mailto:khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org)

**BAYSTATE WING AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP** sells unique merchandise at reasonable prices. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with some weekend hours extended during the holidays. All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Hospital, a major part of the community, and provide scholarships to seniors graduating from local high schools. Call 413-370-8169 for more information.

**MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED** by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

**HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY?** If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

**PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME** is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

**INFANT AND TODDLER TIME** at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call 283-6246 for more information.

**HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.,

Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

**STORYTELLING WITH COLLEEN LOWE-SMITH** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. In this group, participants will reflect together on life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling. Celebrate one another’s unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on one’s own experiences. Participants are welcome to just listen or to tell a story. There is no cost for this program. Call 413-245-7253 for further information.

**FRIDAY ZUMBA CLASSES** are offered at the Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., Palmer, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$25 for five classes or \$7 for drop-in. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or [wallacee413@gmail.com](mailto:wallacee413@gmail.com).

**ELBOW PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets the second Thursday of every month (except July, August, January and February) in the community room of the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer from 2-4 p.m.

**KIDS’ CHESS CLUB** is hosted at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer on Tuesday afternoons in the community room from 4-5 p.m. All ages are welcome, including kindergarten through grade 12, families and adults. There is no need to sign-up. For more information contact William Nolte at 413-596-9021.

**DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND.** Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

**TICK TALK** – A Lyme disease support group of Monson will meet at Grace Community Church at the Norcross House, 125 Main St., Monson the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-noon. The group can be found online at [facebook.com/monsonlymesupport/](https://facebook.com/monsonlymesupport/) or [monsonlymesupport.com](https://monsonlymesupport.com).

**FREE PLAYGROUP** sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. Music and Movement on Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information, visit [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org) or call 413-245-9977.

**A NEW, ONGOING ACA** (Adult Children of Alcoholic/Dysfunctional Families) will be held on Friday nights at the First Church of Monson, 5 High St., Monson. ACA is a 12-step support group for adults raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. “Another Way to Live” will meet at 6:30 p.m. Voluntary donations only.

**WEEKLY CLASSES** at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold ‘Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

**MONTHLY CLASSES** at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Cards Against Humanity on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and Magic the Gathering on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 413-245-3163.

**CARD AND/OR BOARD GAMES** will

be offered at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information call 413-245-7253.

**MONDAY ZUMBA CLASSES** are offered at Memorial Town Hall, 198 Main St., Monson, on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by the Monson Parks and Recreation Department. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$30 for five classes or \$8 for drop-ins. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or [wallacee413@gmail.com](mailto:wallacee413@gmail.com).

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org).

**FREE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS** at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. All ages are welcome in this free program sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation 5, held on Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m.; no programs during school vacations or holidays. Listen and move to music and create some of your own. The instructor is Jenn Gagnon. For more information, call Patti Sinko at 508-867-2232 or email [sinkop@tantasqua.org](mailto:sinkop@tantasqua.org).

**NEW MUSEUM PASSES** are available at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., Monson. The Friends of the Monson Free Library have renewed the list of museum passes which include free or discounted admission to area attractions like the Connecticut Science Museum, MassMOCa, New England Air Museum, Worcester Art Museum and the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Old favorites that are still available include the Eric Carle Museum, Massachusetts state parks, Mystic Aquarium, Smith College Museum of Art, Springfield Museums and the USS Constitution.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME** will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, crafts and silliness. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

**BOUNCE AND RHYME BABY TIME** will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for children up to 2 ½. No registration is required and all are welcome.

**PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC.,** an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

**FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES** are available from the Palmer Public Library. Use your library card to borrow passes to area museums for free or reduced admission to regular museum exhibits at locations like Boston Museum of Science, Ecotarium, Eric Carle Museum, Holyoke Children’s Museum, Mass Audubon, Mass. State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, Normal Rockwell Museum, Salem Witch Museum, Springfield Library & Museums and the U.S.S. Constitution. Passes may be reserved ahead for a specific day by calling the library at 283-3330 ext. 0 or at [www.palmer.lib.mas.us](http://www.palmer.lib.mas.us).

**AL-ANON FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY** meetings - a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve our common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. The group meets Fridays at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer from 6:30-7:30 p.m.





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The work of artist and educator Don Blanton will be on display in celebration of Black History Month at the Western New England University Art Gallery Jan. 26-Feb. 27.

## WNE Art Gallery to celebrate Black History Month

SPRINGFIELD – In celebration of Black History Month, Western New England University will present “Keeping the Arts Alive,” a program featuring artist and educator Don Blanton, from Jan. 26 to Feb. 27.

The gallery, located in the St. Germain Campus Center, will host a gallery talk Thursday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. followed by an artist reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Blanton works in a variety of me-

dia including sculpture, painting, and wearable art. He is known for his alabaster sculptures and is credited with the development of the feather stone technique, which gives the appearance of stained glass or marble when coated onto a natural product.

“Art enhances the value of life in so many people,” Do Blanton said. “That’s why I feel it is important to keep the arts alive.”

Blanton is also the creator and founder of the ArtEsteem program. Intended to foster self-esteem through the arts, the program can be individualized for specific groups and promotes freedom of expression in a structured learning environment.

For information and directions to the gallery visit [www.wne.edu/student-activities/st-germain-campus-center.cfm](http://www.wne.edu/student-activities/st-germain-campus-center.cfm) or call the University at 413-782-1203.

## BBB offers tips to keep tax information secure

The Better Business Bureau has some suggestions for consumers and business owners for keeping their tax information secure and avoiding tax-related scams.

So far in 2019, BBB has processed approximately 2,260 complaints against tax return preparation services and related businesses including accountants preparing tax returns. For those complaints, the median disputed amount for which consumers sought BBB’s help was \$495.

Thus far in 2019, BBB received approximately 600 reports to BBB Scam Tracker from consumers regarding con artists claiming to be with the IRS. This comprised nearly two percent of all Scam Tracker reports received so far in 2019. This has dropped from 3,500 or seven percent of scams in 2017. These scams tend to rely on tactics such as intimidation such as threats of arrest, isolation to keep victims from talking to their family members about the supposed tax issue and/or pressure to act quickly. Tax collection scams often employ all three to bully their targets into compliance.

BBB has been cooperating with the IRS by providing the agency with phone numbers reported from consumers to BBB Scam Tracker. Any law enforcement agency can request additional information from Scam Tracker and we are always willing to work with them to help stop this fraud.

Here are some ways consumers and business owners can combat tax fraud.

Only deal with trustworthy tax preparation services. Check BBB.org for the latest Business Profile before you engage a company for the first time.

Protect personally identifiable information (PII) such as birth date, Social Security numbers, bank accounts, etc.

Check out websites carefully and make sure they are accessing the real IRS website ([irs.gov](http://irs.gov)) when filing taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.

If you get tax information delivered electronically from your employer or other entity, treat that information carefully. Download it onto a password-protected computer. Understand how tax scams work and be on guard for “red flags” such as calls before you’ve received any kind of letter from the Internal Revenue Service, Canadian Revenue Agency or other tax authority, demands for immediate payment, threats or intimidation or payment requests via wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift card. People may check out this BBB Scam Tip for more information at [BBB.org/TaxScams](http://BBB.org/TaxScams).

## Student essay competition commemorates anniversary

BOSTON — Four hundred years ago, the Mayflower landed on the shores of what would later be known as Massachusetts, forever changing the course of history of four nations: the U.S., England, the Netherlands and the Wampanoag.

American Ancestors — also known as New England Historic Genealogical Society — a national family history organization headquartered in Boston and one of the groups leading activities to commemorate the quadricentennial of the landing of the Mayflower, has announced a statewide student competition in Massachusetts to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people. The 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest asks students to explore how this 400-year-old history relates to our national, familial and personal stories and identities.

Open to students currently enrolled in grades 5–12 in public, private and parochial schools, and those in home-study programs across the Bay State, the contest asks participants to address one of three topics: How is the story of the Mayflower still relevant today?; How does your family’s journey to America compare to the journey of the Pilgrims in 1620?; and as a native student, what does your tribal history mean to you?

American Ancestor’s Director of Education Ginevra Morse described the

statewide competition as an opportunity to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people.

“Their stories, collectively and individually, embody the triumphs and tragedies of life in early New England and in the country itself. These stories are still relevant today,” Morse said.

“Involving some of the youngest minds in a process of reflection upon this historic event will lead to new insights and understanding for historians of all ages. We’re delighted to offer an opportunity for Massachusetts students to interpret and express the significance of the Mayflower voyage in their own words. We have no doubt that it will be revealing for many of us,” she added.

A panel of judges will announce winners of the 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest in early August. Cash prizes will be awarded to six winners; three winners will be selected from grades 5-8 and receive \$500 each and another three winners will be selected from grades 9-12 and receive \$750 each. All winners will be invited to present part of their essay at special events in Boston commemorating the Mayflower’s 400th year anniversary.

The deadline for essay submissions is June 10. Submission guidelines may be found at [mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest](http://mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest), the Mayflower companion website of American Ancestors.

## Students invited to participate in ‘Great Outdoors Contest’

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The TurfMutt Foundation recently announced “The (Really) Great Outdoors Contest 2020,” focused on urging children to use their imaginations around the many uses and benefits of green space and the outdoors. Open to students in grades 6 to 8, last year’s contest drew more than 2,700 submissions from middle school youth.

Created in partnership with Scholastic, the global children’s publishing, education and media company, the contest encourages students to write about or draw a nature space their community could use. Students are also asked to include text to describe the space, discuss what elements are needed, and how their space will be used to benefit the community. Each entry can be no more than three pages total.

“We mean it when we say nature starts at your back door. Introducing kids to the outdoors is good for them and good for all of us,” Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, said. “Family yards, school yards and parks are part of a vast ecosystem that supports all of us. The contest helps the next generation envision how people-wherever they may live-can

spend time outside.”

Ten thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded through the contest. The grand prize for a student is \$2,500, with teachers and the school each receiving a \$750 prize. The first place student will receive \$2,000 and the teacher and the school will each receive \$500. The second place student will receive \$1,500 and the teacher and the school will each receive \$250. The third place student will receive \$750 and the teacher and the school will each receive \$125.

Teachers may download lesson plans and contest entry information from [www.scholastic.com/turfmutt](http://www.scholastic.com/turfmutt). Entries will be accepted online and may be uploaded by teachers or mailed in by teachers or students alike. Entries are due by March 16.

Last year’s winning entries are available online for viewing.

The program’s educational materials are free and support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) standards for grades K-8. The TurfMutt environmental education program, funded and managed by OPEI’s Research and Education Foundation, has reached 70 million students, teachers and families since 2009.

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